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Attached airtel reports opening of a Sports Bribery investigation by our New York office regarding the fraudulent ownership of thoroughbred race horse "Jim French." This information was brought to our attention by [redacted] b6
[redacted] Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB). b7C

Investigation by TRPB revealed that Robert Presti was the true owner of the horse although one [redacted] was the listed owner. During the past year Presti allegedly sold interests in the horse to other individuals who were never b6
divulged to the proper race track authorities. b7C
[redacted] also furnished information which he is unable to substantiate regarding race fixing between Presti, [redacted]
[redacted]

Our investigation to date reflects that Robert Presti is Ralph Libutti, FBI # 646 179 B, with an arrest record dating back to 1954. Interview of [redacted] revealed that [redacted] b6
[redacted] the horse and the balance was owned b7C
by Libutti. To date there is no indication of mob control and Libutti has not been located for interview.

These facts were discussed with [redacted] b6
[redacted] Task Force, Eastern District of New York. He advised that [redacted] b7C
[redacted]

Investigation is continuing and you will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (172-63)
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
 ROBERT PRESTI;

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 by Letter 9/2/71
 Per FOIA Request

FIXING OF THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACES,
 AQUEDUCT AND BELMONT PARK RACE TRACKS,
 NEW YORK
 SPORTS BRIBERY

On 8/20/71, the NYO opened an investigation regarding the ownership of the thoroughbred race horse "Jim French". Information was received from [REDACTED] TRPB, Lake Success, NY, that they have been investigating, for the past several months, the fraudulent ownership of a thoroughbred known as "Jim French".

The basic facts of the case were that one [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was listed as the owner but an investigation by the TRPB revealed that one ROBERT PRESTI was the true owner of this horse. During the past year, several other individuals were sold interests in this horse by PRESTI but their identities were never divulged to the proper authorities at the race track.

[REDACTED] is a businessman who [REDACTED] one in NYC and one in [REDACTED] Long Island, in partnership with [REDACTED]

In addition, [REDACTED] also furnished information which he had not been able to substantiate in any way that PRESTI, [REDACTED] had been involved in several possible fixed races and had realized a large profit from these bets.

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Investigation to date has shown that ROBERT PRESTI is RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 646 179 B. LIBUTTI's arrest record reflects arrests in 1954 for Robbery and Conspiracy to Rob; in 1955 for Suspicion of Bookmaking; in 1966 for Disorderly Conduct and a wanted notice dated 1970 from the Detective Bureau, Newark, NJ, for worthless checks. LIBUTTI's present location is unknown to the NYO, however, investigation is being conducted to locate him. LIBUTTI himself is not a jockey. Several interviews conducted to date, particularly the interview with [redacted] who has been [redacted] for the past six months, indicate very little known about LIBUTTI, and [redacted] states that there is a slight chance possibility of mob control of this horse. [redacted] was unable to substantiate this statement with any definite facts to date, other than to say that casual remarks of LIBUTTI have given him this impression. [redacted] stated further in the interview that he was [redacted] of the horse but that the rest of the horse was owned by LIBUTTI.

On 9/2/71, the facts of this case were discussed with [redacted] Task Force, EDNY, and he stated that [redacted]

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/13/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/11/71 - 10/13/71
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ROBERT PRESTI, aka
Ralph Libutti (TN), Nicholas Robert Spadea, Robert Nicholas Spadea, Vincent J. Presti, Robert Vincent Presti, Harry La Rosa, Ralph Robert Libutti, Robert Ralph Libutti, Ralph Peter Libutti, Bob Roberts, Joseph Libutti, Robert Litouri, Ralph La Rosa, - FUGITIVE;

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPORTS BRIBERY; UFAP; ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFT

10-19-71

Fixing of Thoroughbred Horse Races, Aqueduct and Belmont Park Race Tracks, New York

The title of this case is marked "Changed" to include the aliases of **ROBERT PRESTI**, and true name of **RALPH LIBUTTI**.

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REFERENCES

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ADMINISTRATIVE

New York Indices were checked regarding the following individuals involved in this case and no pertinent information was developed:

[REDACTED]
ROBERT PRESTI
RALPH LIBUTTI
ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA
NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA

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[REDACTED]
RALPH WILSON
[REDACTED]

On 9/28/71, [REDACTED] New York Telephone Company, 140 West Street, New York, New York 10007, advised that on 5/3/71, telephone number 626-2913 was connected in the name of PRESTON RAINTREE, 1 Ripley Lane, Muttontown, Long Island. On 9/17/71, the number was changed to 626-3604.

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On 9/29/71, SA [REDACTED] ascertained that the following numbers were listed to PRESTON RAINTREE, 1 Ripley Lane, Muttontown, New York, as of 9/17/71:

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626-0863
626-0864

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LEADS

Two (2) copies of this report are being furnished to the Newark Division for their own information due to the fact that they have done investigative work in this case. It is also conceivable that additional work may be required of the Newark Division.

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the LA Division, since there is a warrant outstanding in the LA Division in a UFAP matter.

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LOUISVILLE

At Lexington, Kentucky

Will contact the headquarters of Fasig-Tipton, Horse Sales Company, Lexington, Kentucky, for all information they may have regarding transactions they have conducted for ROBERT PRESTI, NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA or ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA. Any background information regarding this individual, if available, should be obtained.

Will contact [REDACTED] for all information he may have regarding ROBERT PRESTI and his background. It is to be noted that [REDACTED] has been in close contact with this individual for several years and supposedly has consummated a great many deals regarding race horses with him.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to conduct all appropriate investigation in this matter to determine if a sports bribery violation exists.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATT: [REDACTED])

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/13/71

Office: New York, New York

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Field Office File #: 172-63

Bureau File #:

Title: [REDACTED] ROBERT PRESTI;

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b7C[REDACTED] Fixing of Thoroughbred
Horse Races, Aqueduct and Belmont
Park Race Tracks, New York
Character: SPORTS BRIBERY

Synopsis: On 8/11/71, [REDACTED] TRPB, advised that they have been conducting an investigation for the past several months regarding the undisclosed ownership of a thoroughbred known as "Jim French". TRPB also advised that in connection with this investigation they have received information regarding a possible fixed race involving the undisclosed owner of "Jim French", ROBERT PRESTI, and possibly [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Investigation revealed that a [REDACTED] in New York, was listed as the owner of the thoroughbred, "Jim French", but never had more than 30% of the horse and the horse was controlled and the largest percentage in the horse was held by one ROBERT PRESTI, whose true name has been determined to be RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 645 179 B. Investigation revealed that this individual controlled numerous thoroughbreds racing in New York and other states, using numerous front men such as [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Interviews with [REDACTED] indicate that PRESTI bet approximately \$6,000 on a race involving a thoroughbred named "Joan's Bo" at Belmont Park in June, 1971, and most likely was told to bet on the horse by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] states he heard [REDACTED] received \$12,500 from PRESTI for the information regarding this race.

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Others interviewed in investigation have no information regarding [] receiving any payment regarding this race. As yet, no information ascertained that [] had help in the race and all those interviewed to date believe that it was only a [] tip, not a fixed race. [] at Belmont Park contacted and advised that after reviewing race and talking to principals involved, they unanimously felt that Joan's Bo race on 6/24/71, was honest run race. Detective [] Pasadena, California Police Department, is in possession of felony warrant issued on 12/3/68, by the Pasadena Municipal Court, charging RALPH LIBUTTI with violation of 476 A and 487, California Penal Code, charging subject with issuing checks without sufficient funds and grand theft. Local bail in the amount of \$2,500. District Attorney, Los Angeles County, furnished written request for unlawful flight assistance on 10/8/71. AUSA [] [] authorized filing of complaint and recommended bond of \$5,000. On 10/8/71, complaint filed by SA [] [] before US Magistrate VENETTA S. TASSOPULOS, charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 1073. Warrant issued. NY conducting investigation to apprehend subject and continuing investigation regarding sports bribery allegation.

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DETAILS:

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Predication

This investigation was instituted upon receipt of information received on August 11, 1971, from [redacted] of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB). [redacted] advised that the TRPB was investigating the fraudulent ownership of a thoroughbred named "Jim French" for the past several months. They have determined that the listed owner was [redacted] from New York City and [redacted] Long Island, but that in actuality, 70% of the horse was owned by an individual called ROBERT PRESTI. [redacted] and had nothing to say regarding the horse, the control completely being in the hands of ROBERT PRESTI.

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On August 11, 1971, [redacted] of the TRPB stated that during this investigation he had heard one story regarding a possible fixed race at Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, Long Island, involving ROBERT PRESTI and a possibility of [redacted] [redacted] stated that he did not have any conclusive evidence regarding this situation and the information he had was sparse. He did state he heard one report that PRESTI had received a tip regarding a certain race from [redacted] and that the horse had won and that [redacted] had been paid a sum of money by PRESTI for the information.

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[redacted] furnished the following information regarding this case from investigation conducted by members of their staff:

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A confidential informant of the TRPB advised on April 19, 1971, that a man named ROBERT PRESTI had a financial interest in the ownership of the horse "Jim French". This horse was listed as being owned by [redacted]. Another confidential source advised the TRPB that the man's name was ROBERT PRESTI, and possibly his true name was RALPH LIBUTTI, and that he had an undesirable background. Both [redacted] and [redacted] "Jim French", admitted knowing a PRESTI but both denied that he had any interest in the horse "Jim French". RALPH C. WILSON advised that he had sold "Jim French" to ROBERT PRESTI in September, 1970 for \$60,000. He also sold the horses "Running Bear", "Strider", "Change of Scenery" and three unnamed two year olds to PRESTI earlier in the year. These horses were never listed in PRESTI's name. They were listed in the names of [redacted]

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[redacted] a business associate and friend of PRESTI [redacted] (also a business associate and personal friend of PRESTI) and [redacted]

[redacted] advised on June 28, 1971, that he [redacted] for [redacted] and was of the opinion that PRESTI actually owned these horses. [redacted] advised on June 29, 1971, that he knew ROBERT PRESTI but PRESTI was not financially involved with him in the ownership of horses. He claimed he had [redacted] from PRESTI [redacted] the horse "Jim French" but [redacted] in 30 days. He admitted that [redacted] PRESTI [redacted] in the [redacted]. He also admitted that a [redacted] partner in "Jim French" but was bought out for \$10,000. [redacted] at this time refused to furnish the TRPB with any documents pertaining to the purchase and sale of horses. [redacted] advised on July 6, 1971, that he was acquainted with PRESTI and is a [redacted] PRESTI and [redacted]

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in [redacted] He denied PRESTI owned any part of his horses but he could not produce any documents pertaining to the sale or purchases of these horses.

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[redacted] Long Island, admitted knowing PRESTI but denied that he had any interest in the ownership of PRESTI's horses. GEORGE STEINBRENNER advised on July 13, 1971, that PRESTI sold him three yearlings which were purchased from RALPH WILSON. He also traded "Sea-pac" to PRESTI in exchange for "Strider". "Sea-pac" later died. STEINBRENNER also gave PRESTI \$100,000, paid in advance, to arrange for STEINBRENNER's mares to have the services of outstanding studs such as "Majestic Prince". Because of the \$100,000 debt, the horse [redacted] which was [redacted] was sold to STEINBRENNER for \$80,000, payable as follows:

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STEINBRENNER discounted 50% of PRESTI's \$100,000 debt and gave [redacted] two checks; one in the amount of \$25,000 and the other in the amount of \$5,000. The remaining \$50,000 is to be paid by PRESTI in five installments commencing August 1, 1971.

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A confidential source advised that PRESTI, who resides at 1 Ripley Lane, Muttontown, Long Island, [redacted]

[redacted] Records of the Jockey Club reflect that ROBERT PRESTI, 271 Elsmere Place, Fort Lee, New Jersey, registered the stable name Raintree Farm for the year 1970. Neighborhood investigation by the TRPB at 271 Elsmere Place, Fort Lee, was conducted and no ROBERT PRESTI resided there. A [redacted] was [redacted] of the present residents but was no longer there. Automobile bearing New Jersey license MLH 691,

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registered to NICHOLAS SPADEA, 6909 Durham, North Bergen, New Jersey, was parked in the driveway. The TRPB files reflect that a NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA, also known as ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA, was under investigation at Aqueduct in 1968, and that he was refused an owner's license in New York because of financial difficulties in that he owed Fasig-Dipton (a horse selling organization) \$9,000. On September 4, 1968, the TRPB denied admission to the grounds at Aqueduct to PRESTI. TRPB states that PRESTI's signature on the stable name application is similar to SPADEA's signature on New York owner's application. They also advised that PRESTI was similar in appearance and is the same age as SPADEA. It was believed by them that PRESTI was identical to SPADEA.

A confidential informant advised that

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[redacted] Town records of Oyster Bay reflect that the house at 1 Ripley Lane, Mutton-town, [redacted]

[redacted] Records of the Nassau County Clerk's Office reflect that the Society Custom Builders was incorporated on September 28, 1970, and the sole stockholder is ROBERT PRESTI.

A confidential source of the TRPB advised [redacted] [redacted] and that "Jim French" was owned by PRESTI [redacted] A ROBERT VINCENT PRESTI was listed in Florida, according to the TRPB, under Raintree Farms stable name. The horse listed was "Fleet Lad" [redacted] [redacted] A VINCENT PRESTI was licensed in New Jersey in 1968, the horse being "Long on Looks", [redacted] NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA was licensed in Florida in 1968 with four horses. Fasig-Dipton advised on July 8, 1971, that NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA owed them \$9,000 for purchases of

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horses in 1968 and that ROBERT PRESTI owed them \$2,125 for horses purchased in 1969.

A confidential [] source of the TRPB in Newark, New Jersey advised that []

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Another source advised that []

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[] NICHOLAS SPADEA formerly lived in New Milford, New Jersey, and neighbors advised TRPB that he mysteriously moved out of his apartment during the night in April, 1968.

In connection with this investigation, [] stated concerning ROBERT PRESTI having an undisclosed interest in horses owned by [] and other persons, it was ascertained that [] was also fronting for PRESTI in the ownership of horses. [] was licensed as an owner in New York in March, 1971 and listed his business as []

[] He stated that he resided in [] Long Island. He indicated that he was the sole owner of one horse [] Background information conducted by the New York State Racing Commission at the time was favorable. [] was licensed in Florida in 1971 and listed [] as a reference. He indicated that he was the sole owner of three horses. []

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[] Investigation showed that [] was owned by RALPH WILSON, was then transferred to [] sometime after May 20, 1970, and then transferred to [] after October 7, 1970 and to [] after January 2, 1971. [] has not raced to date but was bred by the Oxford Stable of RALPH WILSON (owner of the National Football League team the Buffalo

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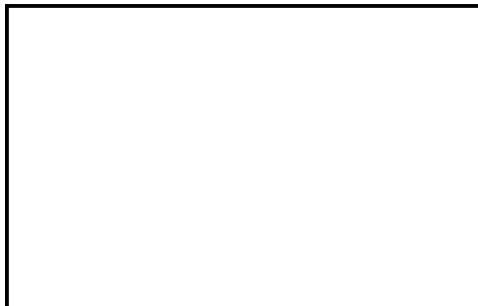
Bills). [] has not raced to date but investigation has disclosed that this horse was purchased at the Saratoga yearling sales in 1970 by [] acting as an agent for [] for \$25,000. []

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In the investigation of ROBERT PRESTI, [] and the others, it was determined that a horse, [] raced under [] name at Aqueduct during March and April, 1971. Prior to that, it raced under the name of [] was also purchased at the Saratoga sales in 1970 for [] with [] acting as agent for \$31,000. [] advised TRPB that he was contacted by PRESTI to handle these horses.

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[] was interviewed on July 6, 1971, and stated that he owned the following horses:



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[] was very vague as to how he acquired the horses and did not have any receipts, cancelled checks, bills of sale or training bills. [] admitted to the TRPB that he knew PRESTI for [] and is [] with PRESTI and [] in the [] with headquarters at [] stated that he and []

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were [redacted] with the horse [redacted]. He also stated that he bought the horse [redacted] from [redacted] but had no records of this transaction. RALPH WILSON advised that [redacted] was sold to [redacted] for \$30,000 on May 28, 1970, and that the payment was made by ROBERT PRESTI. To date, [redacted] stated that [redacted] has failed to furnish documents pertaining to horse transactions.

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[redacted] advised that he was [redacted] one horse for [redacted] and that [redacted] wanted to buy another horse. [redacted] then arranged the sale from a [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan, to [redacted] for \$4,000, the horse being [redacted]. [redacted] sent the check directly to [redacted]. The horse was then taken to [redacted] barn. [redacted] stated he had met [redacted] through PRESTI and had begun [redacted] the horse. [redacted] for [redacted] stated he also [redacted] a two year old for [redacted]. He had the horse only one month.

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[redacted] advised on July 8, 1971, that [redacted] was sold for \$30,000 from JAMES COX BRADY's estate on June 16, 1971. He couldn't recall who bought the horse but stated it went to [redacted] barn.

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[redacted] was interviewed by the TRPB regarding the sale of [redacted] to [redacted]. He claimed that [redacted] contacted him at Garden State Park by telephone and subsequently a sale was arranged for \$75,000 with one breeding share in "Jim French". The horse was found to be "winded" and [redacted] tried to get out of the deal. [redacted] stated he does not know [redacted] and knows nothing about [redacted] with [redacted] or anyone else.

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[redacted] stated that in regard to [redacted] [redacted] he was licensed as a horse owner in New York in 1970 and raced under the name of [redacted]. He had the horses [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted] Long Island. Favorable background investigation conducted by the New York State Racing Commission was done at that time.

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Investigation showed that [redacted] was bred by the Oxford Stable, RALPH WILSON, Jr., and then transferred to [redacted] sometime after May 11, 1970. He was then transferred to [redacted] from [redacted] around August 17, 1970. It was then transferred to [redacted] after September 18, 1970. [redacted] transferred from Oxford Stable to [redacted] about May 27, 1970 and then transferred to [redacted] after October 7, 1970. [redacted]

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[redacted] listed to [redacted] RALPH WILSON advised that he was contacted in May or June, 1970 by ROBERT PRESTI concerning whether he, WILSON, had horses for sale. WILSON stated that he sold [redacted] for \$25,000 and [redacted] for \$30,000 to ROBERT PRESTI. He furnished deposit slips of this deal. Also, a copy of the bills of sale having PRESTI's name as buyer.

On July 6, 1970, the TRPB interviewed [redacted] at the [redacted] Long Island, and he stated that he did own the horses [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] for approximately one month in 1970. He stated that he purchased both horses for a total of \$25,000, giving \$10,000 cash down and the remainder to be paid from purses won. He obtained the money from his mother in an inheritance. He stated he became interested in horses through PRESTI and purchased the horses from [redacted]. He claims that cash was given to [redacted] to be given to [redacted]. He stated he

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only received two bills for training expenses but does not recall how he paid for this. He also stated he later sold the horses through [redacted] but doesn't know who bought them. After settling his account with [redacted] he received from [redacted] \$9,000 in cash. [redacted] admitted knowing [redacted] but didn't know that [redacted] ended up with the horse [redacted]. He stated during the interview with the TRPB that he had no receipts for any horse transactions. He stated that he knew ROBERT PRESTI and that he had cashed checks for him at the bank. He stated he did not know any background information or business relationships or business of PRESTI.

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In connection with the investigation, [redacted] stated that an individual known as [redacted] was probably fronting for ROBERT PRESTI when she owned horses in 1970. Records of the New Jersey State Racing Commission reflect that [redacted] was licensed as an owner in 1970 and owned the horses [redacted] and [redacted]. She indicated that they were purchased from RALPH WILSON. She listed her occupation as [redacted] and that she resided in [redacted] New Jersey. Her [redacted] she said, was [redacted] and investigation regarding her background was favorable at the time. She applied for an owner's license in New York in May, 1970, but the Commission did not fully process her application. Her stable name was listed as [redacted]. Previously, [redacted] had advised the facts regarding the purchase of her horses from Mr. RALPH WILSON.

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[redacted] advised in June, 1971, that he had [redacted] horses for [redacted]. He stated he believed she was [redacted] stated that although he billed [redacted] for expenses, he was given money on occasion by PRESTI. He also stated that he had other horses for [redacted] namely [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated

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he also sold the horse [] to [] which he had purchased for her for \$8,500. A check of the chart book reflected that [] did not run in 1970. It did run in 1971 at Hialeah in the name of [] and later at Aqueduct in the name of []

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[] stated that [] refused to appear for a personal interview with them and investigation showed that she was no longer employed as a [] and is receiving unemployment insurance. She was living with [] at [] New Jersey. [] passed away on June 26, 1971, and an obituary notice indicated that [] maiden name was []

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[] stated that on June 26, 1971, Mr. RALPH WILSON was interviewed at Belmont Park by the TRPB. Mr. WILSON stated he had heard rumors not long ago that the horse "Jim French" had undisclosed ownership but did not hear anything concrete about it. He stated that the horse "Jim French" was not doing well for him in the fall of 1970, and that he was offered a good price for the horse and decided to sell him. He stated that he had met [] through a friend. He stated that this friend was, and identified him as ROBERT PRESTI. He stated that PRESTI arranged for the sale to [] for the purchase price of \$60,000. He stated he had first met PRESTI sometime around June, 1970. He stated he was first contacted by PRESTI in Detroit by telephone. He stated he had never heard of PRESTI before and doesn't know how PRESTI got in touch with him. He stated he saw PRESTI for the first time approximately one month after the phone call at PRESTI's house in Huntington, Long Island, and that the deals concerning the horses that WILSON sold to PRESTI took

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place at PRESTI's house. They were the horses "Running Bear", "Change of Scenery" and "Strider".

Mr. WILSON stated that he first met [redacted] with PRESTI at the Villa Pierre in Glen Cove, Long Island, sometime last fall. He doesn't know anything regarding how [redacted] met PRESTI but believes that PRESTI had bought [redacted] from [redacted] and that this is how the acquaintanceship got started. He stated he believed that the deal to sell the horse "Jim French" to [redacted] was made at PRESTI's house and that a \$60,000 check for the horse was made by PRESTI. He stated after selling the horse to [redacted] the horse began to run much better. He ran in several stakes races and picked up a lot of purse money. He stated he then bought back 25% of the horse for \$75,000 with a check made payable to [redacted]. He stated he later bought out other percentages bringing his total ownership of the horse to 60%. He stated that while he did not have an option to buy back more, the price that was offered was high enough for [redacted] to let him purchase the 60%.

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After "Jim French" won the Bahamas, at Hialeah, in February, WILSON stated he was thinking of buying another 10% and he asked his [redacted] to check the condition of the horse. [redacted] advised Mr. WILSON he heard there was something wrong with the horse and he better have the horse examined by a veterinarian. Mr. WILSON stated that [redacted] wanted to use his [redacted] veterinarian but WILSON had his own doctor [redacted] conduct the examination. [redacted] examined the horse and stated he had a chip in one knee and had something wrong with the other leg. WILSON then decided to sell out completely to [redacted] for \$140,000. He

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stated [] gave him a \$10,000 check as downpayment and is paying him back at the rate of \$10,000 a month. Mr. WILSON stated in regard to the Bahamas Stakes, the horse ran in his name, Oxford Stable, and he appeared in the winner's circle with [] and [] b6 b7C
He stated that he did not know [] had been sold 10% in "Jim French". He stated he didn't even recall if his application listed [] as being a partner in the horse.

In regard to ROBERT PRESTI, Mr. WILSON stated that he did not know anything regarding PRESTI's background other than he thought that he was a builder. He stated at one time he was going to hire a private investigator to check up on PRESTI but later decided it was not necessary. He stated that in regard to arranging the sale of the three horses, "Running Bear", "Strider" and "Change of Scenery", through PRESTI, he had been instructed by PRESTI to make out the bill of sale to [] He stated that he was acquainted with [] but only casually and believed her to be [] b6 b7C
[] He stated he knew [] and that [] was supposed to [] for PRESTI and that [] was in the paddock with [] on Belmont Day. He stated he has not seen PRESTI for awhile but has talked to him on the telephone. He stated he couldn't remember who made the calls, he or PRESTI.

In regard to frequenting PRESTI's home or associating with him, he stated that he had been to PRESTI's home on several occasions and also had dinner with him at the Villa Pierre in Glen Cove. He recalled that persons present would be [] PRESTI, [] and an employee of PRESTI named [] He stated that [] has never been with them but [] had been to PRESTI's home. b6 b7C

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The TRPB stated that a check with the Florida Racing Commission on June 28, 1971, ascertained that RALPH C. WILSON listed the horse "Jim French" as being owned by him with [redacted] having 35% and a [redacted] having 10%.

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[redacted] stated that in regard to [redacted] he was spoken to several times during the spring and June, 1971, and at all times denied that there was any hidden ownership in the horse "Jim French" except admitting that at one time he had [redacted] of the horse to [redacted] but had [redacted] that within a short period of time. He continually refused to furnish the TRPB with any written documents regarding the ownership and purchase, etc. of "Jim French". He maintained that he did know ROBERT PRESTI and that he was connected with him in business in the [redacted] and did admit [redacted] from PRESTI [redacted] "Jim French" and other horses but maintained steadfastly that he always [redacted] within a short period of time to PRESTI. He stated during numerous interviews that PRESTI was not financially involved with him in the ownership of any horses. It was not until the latter part of July when [redacted] at Monmouth Park in connection with the Monmouth Invitational Handicap in which "Jim French" was entered that he finally divulged the interest of PRESTI in "Jim French" and other horses. It was during this [redacted] at Monmouth Park that [redacted] stated he had transferred 70% of "Jim French" to [redacted] "on paper" in February, and that [redacted] had the technical right to sell "Jim French" to [redacted] of [redacted] Long Island. When the horse was entered at Monmouth Park, he was entered under the name of [redacted] This was done by PRESTI selling the 70% which was listed to [redacted] but was actually PRESTI's to the [redacted]

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[redacted] and been [redacted]
[redacted] because when the horse arrived at Monmouth
Park a copy of a bill of sale was attached to the Foal
Certificate indicating that [redacted]
[redacted] of "Jim French" from [redacted] for \$100,000 plus
\$300,000 when the horse was syndicated. A question had arisen
whether the horse should run because a horse dealer in Kentucky b6
by the name of [redacted] had advised [redacted] at b7C
Monmouth Park that he [redacted] on
"Jim French". [redacted] had obtained a [redacted] for
[redacted] regarding syndication
of "Jim French" and was in need of money and had obtained a
[redacted] decided to let the horse run,
which he did, and finished out of the money.

In regard to this investigation, [redacted] and
the TRPB furnished the New York Office with Photostats of
the following items pertaining to this investigation:

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A stable name application filled out
3/14/70 by ROBERT PRESTI with the
Jockey Club

An owner's application, New York
State Racing Commission, for the
year 1968, for NICHOLAS R. SPADEA

An agreement regarding ownership of
the thoroughbred "Jim French", signed
by [redacted]

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An application as an owner with the
Florida State Racing Commission in
1969 by ROBERT VINCENT PRESTI

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An application for a New Jersey license under the name of VINCENT J. PRESTI

A Florida application as an owner under the name of NICHOLAS R. SPADEA

A letter from RALPH WILSON on the sale of "Change of Scenery" and "Jim French"

Bill of Sale and deposit slips on the sale of "Change of Scenery"

Deposit slips on the sale of "Jim French"

Cancelled checks payable to [redacted] signed by RALPH WILSON, pertaining to "Jim French"

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New York owner's application for the years 1970 and 1971 by [redacted]

A letter from RALPH WILSON, dated 7/13/71, and deposit slips for "Petare Shimmering Star" sold by WILSON to ROBERT PRESTI

Certificate of incorporation on Society Custom Builders, Inc.

A copy of the agreement between [redacted] and [redacted] on "Jim French"

Bills of Sale regarding thoroughbreds signed by [redacted] and [redacted]

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A Bill of Sale between [redacted] and [redacted] regarding the purchase of the thoroughbred "Jim French"

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A copy of an application as a New York horse owner, signed by [redacted] in February, 1971.

An application for ownership with the Florida State Racing Commission on behalf of [redacted] for December, 1970

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Owner's applications, New York State Racing Commission, for [redacted]
[redacted]

On August 12, 1971, [redacted] contacted the New York Office of the FBI and stated that they had received information within the past day that the true name of ROBERT PRESTI was RALPH LIBUTTI, with the following FBI Number: 646 179 B.

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On August 18, 1971, the Identification Division of the FBI furnished the following identification record for RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 646 179 B:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

8-18-71 703. RMM

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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PD Union City NJ	Ralph Libutti #5416	3-24-54	conspiracy to rob	
SO Jersey City NJ	Ralph Peter Libutti #10322	6-11-54	robb	
PD Los Angeles Calif	Robert Ralph Libutti #129-X	5-26-55	applicant	
				
SO Jersey City NJ	Harry LaRosa #59271	12-17-66	disorderly person	
<p><i>Lawrence D. ...</i></p> <p>DELETED PURSUANT TO ARCHIVAL AUTHORITY 66-190.87-179 m20 3-20-1996</p>				

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Date 9/9/71

[redacted] was advised of his rights as they appear on the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he fully understood but declined to sign.

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On 8/31/71 at [redacted] New York File # NY 172-63
by SAS [redacted] & [redacted]/JMF/lfp Date dictated 9/3/71

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On September 2, 1971, the facts of this case were discussed with [REDACTED] Task Force, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), and he stated that [REDACTED]

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Date 9/9/71

[redacted] Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont,
New York, was interviewed and furnished the following infor-
mation:

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On 9/8/71 at Belmont Park Race Track
Elmont, New York File # NY 172-63
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Date 9/9/71

[redacted] Belmont Park Race Track,
Elmont, New York, furnished the following information:

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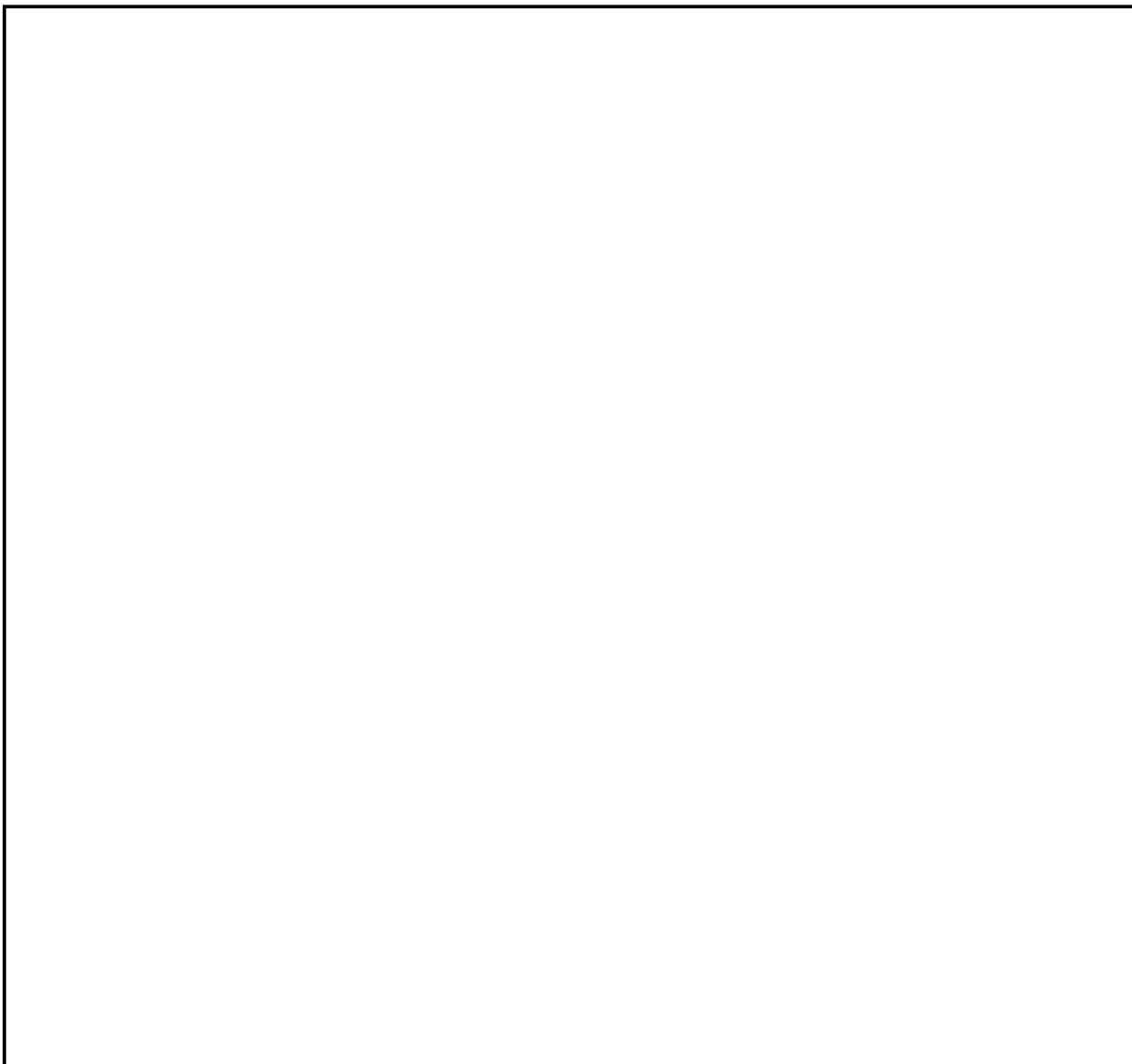
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On 9/8/71 at Belmont Park Race Track
Elmont, New York File # NY 172-63
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On 9/8/71 at Belmont Park Race Track
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1.Date 9/27/71

[redacted]
[redacted] New York, was contacted
regarding ROBERT PRESTI and advised the following:

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[redacted]
[redacted] He advised
that he knew very little about ROBERT PRESTI, other than the
fact that he thought he was from California, and considered
him to be a "mystery man." He could provide no further
information regarding PRESTI.

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On 9/16/71 at [redacted] New York File # NY 172-63

SAS [redacted]
by and [redacted] TRF:md Date dictated 9/22/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] advised that he requested an interview with the FBI in regard to the "Jim French" case because he wanted to assist the Bureau and believed that he had knowledge of a pertinent nature regarding ROBERT PRESTI. He stated that he is the

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[redacted] but was furnishing the information because of first hand knowledge on his own part and believed that it was his duty to furnish it to the FBI, for whom he stated he has nothing but the utmost respect.

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On 9/21/71 at [redacted] New York File # NY 172-63

by SA [redacted] &
SA [redacted] lfp Date dictated 9/23/71

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On September 21, 1971, [redacted] attorney at law, New York City, New York, telephonically contacted the New York Office and stated he understood agents were attempting to locate [redacted] to be interviewed. [redacted] stated he had advised his client that he would not consent to [redacted] being interviewed by Bureau Agents unless he was present and unless the interview was conducted in [redacted] office.

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He stated if anything does come up regarding information that may assist the Bureau, he will be more than happy to immediately notify the New York Office regarding this.

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On September 27, 1971, [REDACTED] TRPB, advised that he had received information that ROBERT PRESTI, true name RALPH LIBUTTI, had a warrant outstanding for him in the State of New Jersey in Essex County under Warrant Number 288-2890, involving unpaid jewelry from [REDACTED] New Jersey.

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[REDACTED] also advised that he had learned from a confidential source that there was a warrant outstanding for LIBUTTI in Pasadena, California, under Warrant Number 558-215.

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[redacted] was telephonically contacted and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] was orally advised of his rights as they appear on the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. He read the form, stated he fully understood his rights but declined to sign it.

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He furnished the following information at the

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and [redacted] lfp Date dictated 9/30/71 b7D

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Date 10/5/71

Mr. RALPH WILSON was interviewed at the Regency Hotel, 61st Street and Park Avenue, New York, New York, at which time he stated sometime around May or June, 1970, he received a telephone call at his office in Detroit, Michigan, from an individual who identified himself as ROBERT PRESTI, a horse dealer from Long Island, New York. He stated PRESTI sounded very nice on the phone, acted in an extremely gentlemanly manner and inquired whether Mr. WILSON had any horses for sale at that time. Mr. WILSON stated he did have a horse for sale, a horse by the name of "Running Bear", which he wished to sell for \$25,000. He stated PRESTI thought this was a fair price and bought the horse and paid for it by check. Mr. WILSON stated he has absolutely no idea how PRESTI got his name or telephone number but stated he continued, after selling "Running Bear" to PRESTI, to deal with him several more times. He stated in the fall of 1970, it became public knowledge around the New York race tracks that he was interested in selling a thoroughbred he owned by the name of "Jim French" and they made arrangements for he, Mr. WILSON, to have dinner with PRESTI within a week's time when WILSON would be in New York.

Mr. WILSON stated PRESTI sent a limousine to pick him up and drove him to his home in Huntington, Long Island. They then went to the Villa Pierre Restaurant in Glen Cove and while eating supper there with several individuals, including one [redacted] from New York and Long Island, he sold the horse "Jim French" to PRESTI and [redacted] for \$60,000. He stated later on in the year, practically at the end of the year, b6 he bought back into "Jim French" and the horse won some money from b7c him and his partners. He stated somewhere around April, 1971, he received a report from several veterinarians, including [redacted] that "Jim French" had a chip in his knee and he decided to sell out which he did to PRESTI and [redacted]. Mr. WILSON stated he always felt PRESTI was nothing but an advisor and horse dealer and that if he bought a horse and sold it to someone, it was a legitimate sale. He stated he was under the impression all the

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time until recently that [redacted] did own "Jim French" and PRESTI was only an advisor and confidant of [redacted]

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He stated he has not seen or talked to PRESTI for about the last three or four months and has had no further dealings with him. He stated he was questioned regarding this matter by the New York State Racing Commission and the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau and furnished them the same details. He stated he never knew PRESTI by any other name but ROBERT PRESTI. He stated he had once contacted a friend of his who is a detective in the Nassau County Police Department and asked him if he would do an investigation regarding PRESTI's background. He stated he received a reply several weeks after this request stating that the detective could find nothing wrong with PRESTI and PRESTI seemed to be legitimate and OK.

He stated PRESTI was a fine entertainer, a gourmet, and a wine expert who entertained people in a most lavish way and always conducted himself as a gentleman. He stated that the last time he heard from PRESTI was as he said about three months ago when PRESTI notified his office in Detroit not to cash a pre-dated check for \$15,000, which was owed to him by PRESTI for a horse deal. He stated that the check is still uncashed and that PRESTI still owes him the amount of \$15,000.

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Date 10/12/71

[redacted]
[redacted] Long
Island, was interviewed and furnished the following in-
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The name ROBERT PRESTI is completely unknown to
him. PRESTI has never bought nor leased a car from [redacted]
[redacted] leased a car on March 20, 1970
for 26 months. The car was stolen on August 20, 1970 and
[redacted] bought out of his lease shortly afterwards.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following
information:

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ROBERT PRESTI bought a 1971 silver Shadow Rolls Royce, Identification Number SRX11115, on September 9, 1971. PRESTI paid \$5,000 cash and \$15,000 in a certified check. The address that PRESTI gave was Happy Hermit Farms, 637 Third Street, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094.

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Date 10/12/71

[redacted] was interviewed at his
office at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, and
furnished the following information:

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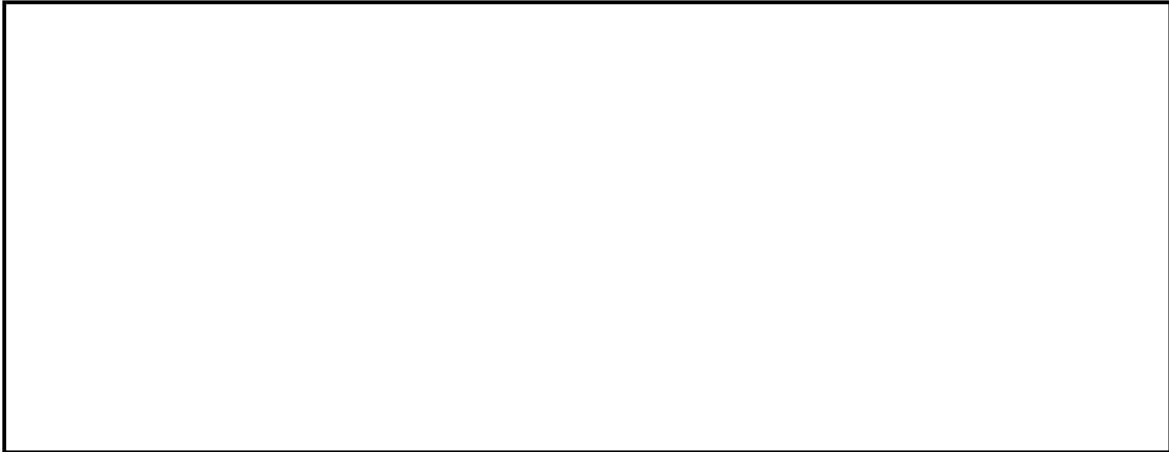
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By communication dated October 1, 1971, the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advised as follows:

A check of the records of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, Newark, New Jersey, on September 20, 1971, reflects that their file 2568-70-S pertains to RALPH LIBUTTI, also known as NICHOLAS SPADA, NICHOLAS R. SPADEA, and NICHOLAS SPADES. Bench warrants 2888 and 2890, dated June 9, 1970, are outstanding. These warrants charge subject with uttering bad checks. The above records reflect LIBUTTI's date of birth as July 4, 1928 and February 20, 1932.

On September 20, 1971, [redacted] Hudson County Sheriff's Office, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised that his records reflect HARRY LA ROSA, #59271, was arrested as a disorderly person on December 17, 1966, disposition not shown. His date of birth is set out as February 6, 1932, at Hoboken, New Jersey. His address was listed as 3512 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey. The above records also reflect that the Union County Prosecutor's Office had made inquiry concerning subject on August 23, 1971. b6 b7C

On September 23, 1971, Detective [redacted] New Jersey Police Department, advised that he conducted investigation concerning subject's passing bad checks to the [redacted] New Jersey, in 1968. He advised that his investigation reflected that the true name of subject is RALPH LIBUTTI. LIBUTTI used the alias of NICHOLAS SPADEA, which is the name of his uncle, who formerly resided in Union City, New Jersey, and who was born on July 14, 1912. b6 b7C

[redacted] added that investigation also indicated that in 1969, subject and his wife resided at 271 Eldsmere Place, Fort Lee, New Jersey. On April 24, 1969, an automobile bearing New Jersey License [redacted] was observed at this address. This car was registered to a [redacted] above address. b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that this case was turned over to the Essex County Sheriff who presented it to the County Grand Jury. As a result, subject was indicted and a bench warrant issued about June, 1970. He further stated that [redacted] New Jersey, had recently told him that his attorney had been approached by subject's attorney to see if subject could make restitution for the checks he passed to [redacted] if [redacted] would agree to withdrawing the charges against subject. [redacted] stated that his investigation indicated the subject has resided at the following addresses in the past:

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271 Eldsmere Place
Fort Lee, New Jersey

6909 Durham Avenue
North Bergen, New Jersey

869B Dorchester Lane
New Milford, New Jersey

13 Magnolia Avenue
Hillside, New Jersey

On September 23, 1971, Patrolman [redacted] Union City, New Jersey Police Department, advised that both RALPH LIBUTTI and his uncle, NICHOLAS SPADEA, date of birth July 14, 1912, lived at 4200 New York Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, up until the early 1950's. He stated that he has not seen either of them in many years. He stated that the above residence is in a neighborhood that has completely changed and he knew of no one who would know either LIBUTTI or SPADEA.

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On September 27, 1971, [redacted] New Jersey, advised that [redacted] who resides at that address but was not at home at that time. She stated that [redacted] NICHOLAS SPADEA, who she said was over sixty years of age. She then stated that she would not answer any other questions but would have [redacted] contact the Newark Office.

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On September 28, 1971, [redacted] Attorney, [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, New York, telephone [redacted]
telephonically contacted Special Agent (SA) [redacted]
and advised that he represents the [redacted]
[redacted], New Jersey. He stated that he desired
any interviews in the future with the [redacted] only be
conducted in his presence.

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On 1/20/69 at [redacted] N. J. File # Newark 87-19687

by SA [redacted] WJS /jg Date dictated 540013 1971

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check on him. [redacted] further advised that information he has developed on SPADEA since the above transaction indicates that SPADEA is very active at the race tracks in the State of Maryland, and apparently is a real "Wheeler dealer."

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He furnished the following description of SPADEA:

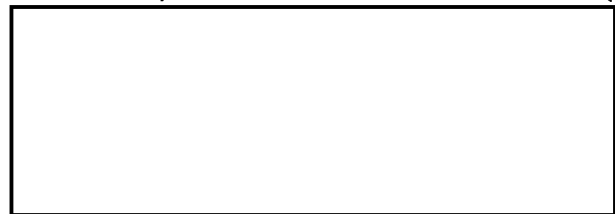
Name:	NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA, also known as Nicholas Spada, Nicholas Spadea, Robert N. Spadea
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	July 4, 1928 or July 4, 1912
H Height:	5'8"
Weight:	175 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Wife:	JOANN SPADEA
Address:	869B Dorchester Lane New Milford, New Jersey; 6909 Durham Street North Bergen, New Jersey; Care of [redacted] 687 Third Street Secaucus, New Jersey

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By communication dated October 8, 1971, the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advised as follows:

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Detective [redacted] Forgery Detail, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena, California, advised on October 8, 1971, that he had in his possession Felony Warrant Number A543065, issued on December 3, 1968, by the Pasadena Municipal Court charging RALPH R. LIBUTTI with violation of Sections 476A and 487 of the California Penal Code. LIBUTTI was charged with issuing a check without sufficient funds and grand theft. Local bail was in the amount of \$2,500.00.

LIBUTTI was described as a white male, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, black hair, date of birth February 20, 1930, FBI Number 646179B.

The District Attorney of Los Angeles County has furnished written request for Unlawful Flight assistance.

On October 8, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, authorized the filing of the complaint and recommended bond in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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On October 8, 1971, the complaint was filed by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] FBI, Los Angeles, California, before United States Magistrate VENETTA S. TASSOPOULOS, Los Angeles, charging RALPH LIBUTTI with violation of Title 18, Section 1073. A warrant was issued on October 8, 1971.

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[redacted]
[redacted] at Belmont Park, were contacted regarding the first race on June 24, 1971, and furnished the following information:

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All [redacted] unanimously agreed that the first race on June 24, 1971, won by "Joan's Bo" and ridden by [redacted] was a true run race. The films were reviewed many times and no evidence of any jockey assisting another was noted. Coming into the home stretch the number four horse ridden by [redacted] swung to the outside, and the number three horse, "Joan's Bo" ridden by [redacted] squeezed through on the inside and won by about two lengths. This was a normal reaction of the lead horse going into the home stretch. The [redacted] felt that in eighty percent of the time the lead horse swings to the outside after making the final turn to head down the stretch. "Joan's Bo" was behind most of the way and had to go around several horses during the race. The time was not especially fast but it was a Maiden race.

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The [redacted] and the [redacted] were questioned by [redacted] after the race. The reason they were called in was because of the tremendous drop in odds in the horse, "Joan's Bo". The horse was last at 12 to 1 and after several minutes of betting was still holding the line at 12 to 1. Shortly before post time, the odds dropped 4 to 1. This is a bit unusual and for this reason [redacted] called in [redacted] and [redacted]

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The horse, "Joan's Bo", had finished ninth in its previous start. The [redacted] said that the strap used to hold down the horse's tongue broke and this caused the horse to choke quite a bit during the race. The next time out (on June 24, 1971) [redacted] tied down the horse's tongue with a tighter strap. Since the race the horse has shown considerable improvement and as before the race the horse has been ridden consistently by the jockey.

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All [] unanimously agreed that they could see no evidence of collusion and that the first race on June 24, 1971 at Belmont was a honest and true run race.

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The following is a description of RALPH
LIBUTTI as obtained from investigation and observation:

Name	RALPH LIBUTTI
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170
Hair	Black, thinning in front
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
FBI Number	646179B
Dates of birth	February 20, 1930; July 4, 1928; February 20, 1932; February 6, 1932

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/21/71	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/15/71
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CR		CHARACTER OF CASE SB; UFAP; ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFT 10-28-71	

REFERENCE

NY report of SA [redacted] 10/13/71.

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LEADS

Copies of this report are being sent to Louisville and Newark for information purposes as Louisville has leads outstanding in this case and Newark has done investigative work in this case.

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Copy to: 1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATT: [REDACTED])

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/21/71

Office: New York, New York

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Title: [REDACTED]
ROBERT PRESTI;
ET ALCharacter: SPORTS BRIBERY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION;
ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFTSynopsis: RALPH R. LIBUTTI, date of birth 2/20/32, FBI
Number 646 179 B, arrested on 10/15/71 by
Bureau Agents of the NYO when he voluntarily
appeared with his attorney at the NYO. Subject
arrested for violation of Title 18, Section 1073,
USC. Subject appeared before USC, SDNY, and was
released in \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

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DETAILS

On October 14, 1971, [REDACTED] Attorney-at-Law, New York City, New York, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the FBI and advised that he understood that Bureau Agents were looking for his client, RALPH R. LIBUTTI, and had a warrant for his arrest. [REDACTED] stated that he would voluntarily surrender his client to the Bureau on the morning of October 15, 1971.

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RALPH R. LIBUTTI was arrested by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] at which time he was advised of his rights in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] New York City, New York. LIBUTTI was advised that he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code, and at the outset of this contact, he was furnished with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which LIBUTTI read and indicated that he thoroughly understood his rights; however, he refused to make any statements at this time which he said were at the instructions of his counsel.

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The following description of RALPH R. LIBUTTI was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RALPH R. LIBUTTI
Alias	ROBERT PRESTI
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	2/20/32
Residence	Union City, New Jersey 1 Ripley Lane Muttontown, Long Island, New York
Height	5'9"
Weight	185
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Employment	Horse broker
Social Security Number	145-24-4417
Wife	JOAN
Children	Two Son-JOSEPH [redacted]
Parents	JOSEPH and EDITH LIBUTTI 271 Elsmere Place Fort Lee, New Jersey

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] lfp - 2 - Date dictated 10/21/71

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On October 15, 1971, RALPH R. LIBUFFI was arraigned before United States Magistrate HAROLD J. RABY, Southern District of New York and was released on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

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October 16, 1971

Robert Presti voluntarily surrendered to New York Office, 10-15-71. He was being sought on Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution charges in connection with a Grand Theft charge in Pasadena, California.

Presti (true name Ralph Libutti) has been the subject of extensive investigation by the New York State Racing Commission and Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau concerning his alleged concealed ownership of approximately 21 thoroughbred racing horses, including "Jim French."

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, TEN THIRTEEN LAST.

SUBJECT VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED THIS DATE, NEW YORK OFFICE,

AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST BY BUREAU AGENTS.

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution

UFAP WARRANT, LOS ANGELES, ISSUED ON TEN EIGHT LAST,

CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE

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FUNDS AND GRAND THEFT. THIS WAS BASED ON A FELONY WARRANT

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ISSUED ON TWELVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT BY THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL
COURT, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CHARGING THE SUBJECT WITH
VIOLATION OF FOUR SEVEN SIX A AND FOUR EIGHT SEVEN, CALIFORNIA
PENAL CODE. SUBJECT ARRAIGNED BEFORE US COMMISSIONER
Southern District of New York
HAROLD J. RUBY, SDNY, AND RELEASED IN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR
PERSONAL RECOGNIZANT BOND.

LA REQUESTED TO FORWARD NECESSARY PAPERS US MARSHAL,
SDNY.

LOUISVILLE CONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

PRESS INQUIRY BEING HANDLED BY NEW YORK OFFICE.

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LOS ANGELES (88-18924)

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FROM NEW YORK (172-63)

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CHANGED; [REDACTED] ROBERT PRESTI AKA RALPH LIBUTTI

(TN), NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA, ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA, ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA, VINCENT J. PRESTI, ROBERT VINCENT PRESTI, HARRY LA ROSA, RALPH ROBERT LIBUTTI, ROBERT RALPH LIBUTTI, RALPH PETER LIBUTTI, BOB ROBERTS, JOSEPH LIBUTTI, ROBERT LITOURI, RALPH LA ROSA-FUGITIVE;

[REDACTED] FIXING OF THOROUGHBRED HORSE

RACES, AQUEDUCT AND BELMONT PARK RACE TRACKS, NEW YORK; SPORTS BRIBERY; UFAP; ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFT.

TITLE OF THIS CASE MARKED "CHANGED" TO INCLUDE ALIASES OF ROBERT PRESTI AND TRUE NAME OF RALPH LIBUTTI.

RE NY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, TEN TWELVE LAST. 18 OCT 28 1971

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] PASADENA, CALIFORNIA PD, IN

POSSESSION OF FELONY WARRANT ISSUED ON TWELVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT BY THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL COURT, CHARGING RALPH LIBUTTI WITH

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VIOLATION OF FOUR SEVEN SIX A AND FOUR EIGHT SEVEN, CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE, CHARGING SUBJECT WITH ISSUING CHECKS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS AND GRAND THEFT. LOCAL BAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FURNISHED WRITTEN REQUEST FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT WARRANT ON TEN EIGHT LAST. AUSA [REDACTED] AUTHORIZED FILING OF COMPLAINT AND RECOMMENDED BOND OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON TEN EIGHT LAST COMPLAINT FILED BY SA [REDACTED] FBI LOS ANGELES, BEFORE US MAGISTRATE VENETTA S. TASSOPULOS, CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE. WARRANT ISSUED. NY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO APPREHEND SUBJECT.

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SOURCE CONTACTED NEW YORK OFFICE WITH INFORMATION THAT THREE SUSPENSIONS HANDED DOWN BY NEW YORK STATE RACING COMMISSION.

AFTER INQUIRY [REDACTED] THOROUGHBRED RACING PROTECTIVE BUREAU (TRPB), LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, VERIFIED ON TEN THIRTEEN INSTANT THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND OWNER RALPH WILSON WERE SUSPENDED BY NY STATE RACING COMMISSION FOR THIRTY DAYS, STARTING ON TEN THIRTEEN INSTANT. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE SUSPENDED BECAUSE THEY HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT RALPH LIBUTTI, KNOWN TO THEM AS ROBERT PRESTI, WHO WAS UNLICENSED, WAS THE TRUE

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OWNER OF HORSES THAT WERE TRAINED BY THEM. RALPH WILSON,
OWNER OF THE BUFFALO BILL'S WAS SUSPENDED FOR SELLING MANY
HORSES TO PRESTI AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD NO BILL OF SALE FOR
THE HORSE, "JIM FRENCH", WHICH LIBUTTI BOUGHT.

WIDE PRESS COVERAGE IS EXPECTED AS NEWS MEDIA IS AWARE
THAT [REDACTED] AND WILSON WERE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF
RELATIONSHIP WITH RALPH LIBUTTI. NEWS MEDIA IS ALSO AWARE
THAT ROBERT PRESTI'S TRUE NAME IS RALPH LIBUTTI.
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cc - Mr. Cleveland

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SAC, NY

ON 8/20/71, THE NYO OPENED AN INVESTIGATION
REGARDING THE ~~UNKNOWN~~ OWNERSHIP OF THE
THOROUGHBRED RACE HORSE "JIM FRENCH".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (172-63)
 SUBJECT: ROBERT PRESTI, aka;

 RALPH WILSON -
 SPORTS BRIBERY

On this date, wife of subject, ROBERT PRESTI, aka, Mrs. JOAN PRESTI, 1 Ripley Lane, Muttontown, New York, reported alleged theft of \$120,000.00 in cash, in \$50.00 and \$100.00 bills from above residence, to Brookville, New York, Police Department. Crime scene searched and neighborhood investigation negative to date. In view of questionable reputation of subject, PRESTI, local authorities attempting to verify validity of theft and New York Office following closely.

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SUBJECT: ROBERT PRESTI aka;

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RALPH WILSON
SPORTS BRIBERY

ReNYairtel, 10/26/71.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ar-
rested by Nassau County PD and admitted the burglary of PRESTI's residence, but denied taking \$120,000 from closet of residence. [REDACTED] claimed no money located at residence.

Nassau County authorities attempting to get PRESTI to take Polygraph examination re alleged theft of money. [REDACTED] also being given Polygraph examination.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

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Att: Special Investigative Division

FROM : *WMA*
BP SAC, LOS ANGELESSUBJECT: RALPH R. LIBUTTI, aka - FUGITIVE
UFAP - ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT
SUFFICIENT FUNDS;
GRAND THEFT

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☐ Supplements FD-65 dated _____
☐ Photograph not needed

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						Male	White
Birthplace	NAT	Birth Date	DOB	Height HGT	Weight WGT	Hair	HAIR
		2/20/30		5'10"	170		Black
FBI No.	FBI	Eyes	Visible Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.		VSM		
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NCIC Fingerprint Classification	FPC	Other Identifying Number		MNU	Social Security #		SOC
Operator's License Number	OLN	Operator's License State		OLS	Year Expires		OLY
Offense Charged OFF UFAP - NSF CHECK AND GRAND THEFT							
U. S. Code, Title and Section Title 18, Section 1073, USC							
Warrant Issued By USM VENETTA S. TASSOPULOS					on 10/8/71		
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office					88-18924		
Miscellaneous				MIS	Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)		

LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO
Aliases	Ralph La Rosa Ralph Libutti Ralph Peter Libutti Ralph Robert Libutti Robert Ralph Libutti			Additional Identifiers 55162-1 172-136-8 22 OCT 14 1971			
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3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, W (white), N (Negro), I (Indian), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), O (all other). Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
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Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/14/71

Att: Special Investigative Division

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (88-18924)

SUBJECT: RALPH R. LIBUTTI, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAP - ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT
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Libutti Ralph R.

☐ Initial Submission☒ Supplements FD-65 dated 10/8/71☐ Photograph not needed

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U.S. Code, Title and Section	Fugitive Index # 29 244				
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Model	VMO	Style	VST	Color	VCO
Aliases	Additional Identifiers				
ROBERT PRESTI	EX-102				
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U. S. Code, Title and Section			F. O. File #			
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LOS ANGELES (88-18924)

FROM NEW YORK (172-63) (P)

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FUNDS; GRAND THEFT; OO:LA. *Libatti, Ralph Robert*

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name changed to Robert Presti on 10-16-71

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RE LA NITEL TO NY, TEN TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

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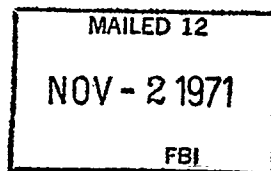
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**RALPH R. LIBUTTI, aka
FUGITIVE
UFAP - NONSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK
AND GRAND LARCENY
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Fingerprints from U. S. Marshal, New York, New York, disclose subject as Ralph Robert Libutti, arrested 10/15/71, for unlawful flight. Address given as 1 Ripley Lane, Huntington, Long Island, New York. No disposition given.

Handle and advise Bureau if subject located.

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NOTE: Information received from [redacted] Identification Division, by [redacted] on 11/2/71. Supervisor [redacted] advised 11/2/71 by [redacted] Positive ident with FBI # 646 179 B. b6 b7C

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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Bufile 88-55162	Name of Subject Robert Presti	Date <u>11-8-71</u>
FBI # <u>646 1798</u>	Serial #	Fugitive Index # <u>79244</u>
Other Identifying #		Subject Located <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Prosecution dismissed

City NY, NY Reason and/or by whom: FBI.
 Date 10-16-71

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index

☒ Gen'l Fug☐ Add additional aliases☐ SS

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Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution
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[REDACTED] COUNSEL, NEW YORK STATE RACING
COMMISSION, FIVE NINE EIGHT MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY,
REQUESTED TODAY THAT SA [REDACTED] APPEAR AT A HEARING
SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF ELEVEN THIRTY SEVENTY ONE AT
THEIR OFFICES REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND RALPH LIBUTTI IN REGARD TO THE THOROUGHBRED
"JIM FRENCH" AND OTHER THOROUGHBREDS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT
THE TESTIMONY OF AGENT [REDACTED] IS NECESSARY DUE TO THE FACT
THAT THEY BELIEVE HE IS THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM LIBUTTI
DEFINITELY STATED HE WAS BOTH RALPH LIBUTTI AND ROBERT PRESTI.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT AGENT [REDACTED] ASKED ONE QUESTION
AND ONE QUESTION ONLY, TO IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE
INDIVIDUAL CALLING HIMSELF ROBERT PRESTI AS THE PERSON WHO
ADMITTED THAT HE WAS RALPH LIBUTTI.

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[] STATED THERE WILL BE NO OTHER QUESTIONS PUT TO AGENT
[] AND THAT THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO CROSS EXAMINATION^N
OF THE AGENT IN THIS MATTER.

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THE FACTS REGARDING THIS TESTIMONY WERE DISCUSSED
WITH [] OF THE TASK FORCE, ^{Eastern District of New York} EDNY, AND HE
STATED HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO OBJECTION TO AGENT []
APPEARING AT THIS HEARING. AGENT [] WILL TESTIFY ON
ELEVEN THIRTY SEVENTY ONE AT THE HEARING AT THE NEW YORK
STATE RACING COMMISSION, UACB. ^{Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau}

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New York office advises New York State Racing Commission today requested appearance of Special Agent [redacted] (assigned New York) at hearing scheduled 11/30/71 in order to give limited testimony in the case the Commission is investigating regarding the thoroughbred horse "Jim French" and relationship between [redacted] and Ralph Libutti. This matter concerns illegal hidden ownership of thoroughbred horses. Agent [redacted] testimony urgently needed to establish that Libutti is identical to Robert Presti as Agent [redacted] is only person to whom Libutti has admitted his true identity. Admission made during course of Bureau investigation into Sports Bribery case. Presti is alias utilized by Libutti in fraudulent scheme to hide ownership of various thoroughbred horses. Commission office assures that identity question will be only one put to Agent [redacted] Attorney, New York Strike Force, has no objection to Agent providing said testimony.

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In view of limited testimony required and the fact that information is exclusively possessed by Special Agent [redacted] the Special Investigative Division recommends Commission request be approved.

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TITLE OF CASE [redacted] ROBERT PRESTI aka Ralph Libutti (TN), etc.; [redacted] [redacted] Fixing of Thoroughbred Horse Races, Aque- duct and Belmont Park Race Tracks		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY lfp b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPORTS BRIBERY; UFAP-ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFT 12-15-71	

REFERENCE

NY report of SA [redacted] dated 10/13/71. b6
 NY report of SA [redacted] dated 10/21/71. b7C

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 10/29/71, AUSA [] SDNY, advised that on 10/29/71, subject RALPH LIBUTTI will have a removal hearing. He stated that if federal charges are dismissed on that date, Assistant District Attorney [] Manhattan District, New York City, will handle the matter locally.

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On 11/18/71, AUSA [] SDNY, advised that the removal hearing was postponed on 10/29/71 and was held that date and that the federal charges were dismissed and that the matter was turned over to local authorities, Manhattan. Los Angeles was requested to submit a Disposition Sheet regarding the charges against LIBUTTI in their district.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATT: AUSA [REDACTED])

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

Date: DEC 13 1971

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Field Office File #: 172-63

Bureau File #: 172-136

Title: [REDACTED] ROBERT PRESTI;
[REDACTED]Fixing of Thoroughbred Horse Races,
Aqueduct and Belmont Park Race TracksCharacter: SPORTS BRIBERY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION -
ISSUING CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS; GRAND THEFT

Synopsis: [REDACTED] interviewed and stated he never discussed the "Joan's Bo" race on 6/24/71 with RALPH LIBUTTI. He stated he never bet on the race, never received any proceeds of bets on this race and had no knowledge of it being anything but a true run race. [REDACTED] at Aqueduct Race Track were recontacted and stated they had reviewed the race and still believed it to be a good race. On 10/26/71, Mrs. RALPH LIBUTTI reported an alleged theft of \$120,000 in cash and valuables. [REDACTED] arrested by Nassau County Police Department and admitted burglary but denied taking any cash. AUSA [REDACTED] Strike Force, EDNY, advised on 12/2/71 that [REDACTED]

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[redacted] was advised of his rights as they appear on the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. He stated he fully understood all of his rights and had no objection whatsoever to being interviewed by a Bureau Agent without his attorney present.

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On 10/27/71 at Aqueduct Race Track
Ozone Park, New York File # NY 172-63
by SA [redacted] lfp Date dictated 10/28/71

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On November 4, 1971, [redacted] at Aqueduct Race Track, [redacted]

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[redacted] were recontacted and they advised that they had re-studied the "Joan's Bo" films and were still satisfied after reviewing the films several more times that the explanations given by [redacted] and [redacted] and it is their opinion that the race was a good race and was not a fixed race.

On October 26, 1971, Mrs. RALPH LIBUTTI, 1 Ripley Lane, Muttontown, New York, reported to the Nassau County Police Department an alleged theft of \$120,000 in cash and valuables from their home.

On October 29, 1971, the Nassau County Police Department advised the New York Office of the FBI that [redacted] of RALPH LIBUTTI, was arrested by their department and admitted the burglary of LIBUTTI's residence but denied taking any cash from said residence.

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On December 2, 1971, [redacted] Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, stated that he had been studying this case and the facts in this case [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (172-136)

DATE: 1/21/72

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (88-18924)

ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: RALPH ROBERT LIBUTTI, aka
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OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a Disposition Sheet regarding the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FILES AND COMMUNICATIONS FOIA UNIT)

FROM: *WJ* SAC, NEWARK (62-3906)

SUBJECT: RALPH ROBERT LIBUTTI, aka
Robert Dresti
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FOIA

Re: Bureau telcal to Newark, 8/8/75.
Newark telcal to the Bureau, 8/11/75.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies each of the following items requested by the Bureau re captioned subject:

Memo of SA [] 10/26/71.
"Star Ledger" clipping, 10/14/71.
Newark airtel to New York, 10/1/71.
New York airtel to Newark, 9/28/71.
New York airtel to Newark, 9/14/71.
FD-302 reflecting interview with [] 3/4/71.
Newark letter to Los Angeles, 11/9/67.
Memo of SA [] 11/9/67.
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Newark memo of SA [] 10/20/67.
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FBI Identification Record on RALPH LIBUTTI.

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Enclosed for Bureau are 9 Xeroxed pages
from New York files 26-66501 and 87-31151
in which references are made to subject.

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TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (26-NEW)
SUBJECT: RALPH R. LIBOTTI
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On 7/3/73, Det. [redacted] Auto Squad, 47th Pct., NYCPD, phone [redacted] advised that the subject who has FBI # 646 179 B and resides on Ripley Lane, Muttontown, L.I., may be involved in stolen car activity.

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He stated that subject purchased the following described vehicles which he registered under the name of [redacted] 271. Minnmore Place, Fort Lee, NJ and except for the last vehicle traded them in shortly after purchasing them taking a financial loss.

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Det. [redacted] believes that the subject may be stealing cars and duplicating the VINs.

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On 12/18/72, subject purchased a 1973 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, VIN 616722-115019 from Potamkin Auto Sales, York Ave., and E. 61st St., Manhattan.

On 1/13/73, he traded in the above vehicle plus a 1973 Buick Regal, VIN 433742-105411 which he purchased on an unknown date from FARMER Buick, an agency on LI at a location unknown to Potamkin for a 1973 Cadillac Discouline VIN 6F33R3017-231.

On 2/2/73, he traded in this vehicle to Potamkin for a 1973 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, VIN 616722-115019.

Cincinnati is requested to check the confidential source for any records of the 4 vehicles described above.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (26-52110) (RUC)
SUBJECT: RALPH R. LIBUTTI
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Re NY airtel to CI dated 7/5/73.

On 8/12/72, the Cincinnati Division was furnished the following registration information:

1973 Cadillac
VIN 6L67S3Q422522

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Bronx, New York
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Queens VLG, New York
Registered 4/73

1973 Cadillac
VIN 6L67S3Q415000

Registered to
[redacted]
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Fort Lee, New Jersey
Registered 12/72

Registered to
Haddon Auto Exchange
6515 Chestnut Avenue
Pennsauken, New Jersey
Registered 1/73

1973 Buick
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Registered 1/73

Stops have been placed on these VIN's and any subsequent registration information will be immediately forwarded to your office.

TO : SAC, NY (26-66501)

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] #26 - C

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SUBJECT: RALPH R. LIBUTTI
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Re Cum airtel to NY 8/14/73

Contents of above airtel furnished
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[REDACTED] Memo to Supd, NYCPD: No
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MATERIAL WITNESS IN JEWELER'S MURDER

Haag Out in 50G

By CLAIKE CURRAN and GERALD DUNCAN

A "reluctant and hesitant" Charles Haag, 45, man of many aliases with a Midas touch in financial dealings, was released in \$50,000 bail yesterday as a material witness in the murder of Jeweler Anthony Feder, 63.

"I feel Mr. Haag knows more than he has told," Judge Gordon Brown said at Hackensack, N.J., after Haag, during a 3 1/2-hour hearing, was pictured as a nervous man who bawled under cross-examination and made admissions only when confronted with evidence.

Haag waited for hours in jail before a bondsman came with his bail money shortly before 9 p.m.

Haag was one of the last persons to see Eisler in his office at 10 W. 47th St. last Friday before his disappearance while carrying \$50,000 in jewelry. Eisler was found dead Sunday off a road at Alpine, N.J., with two .22 bullets through his heart and one in the back.

HAAG, ACCORDING to the testimony of Bergen County Lt. Raymond Morrissey, acknowledged that he bought two .22 pistols in Tucson, Ariz., last July 5 but Morrissey said Haag told him he gave them away, flatly refusing to say to whom.

Meanwhile, at the scene in Alpine, detectives made an inch-by-inch search of the undergrowth and found two empty .22 shells and two latchkeys. They continued the hunt for the murder weapon with a mine-detector borrowed from West Point.

Discovery of the shells indicated that Eisler, who lived at 101-20 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Queens, might have been shot at the spot.

"We are prepared to prove that the gun was fired in Bergen County," Assistant Prosecutor Fred C. Galda told Judge Brown.

MORRISSEY, RELATING the results of Haag's questioning until 4 a.m. yesterday after he returned voluntarily from Tucson, pictured Haag as a person of peculiar behavior.

As told by Morrissey, Haag canceled a 4:30 p.m. flight to Tucson last Friday, then took a 6 p.m. plane from Idlewild Airport to Chicago under an assumed name.

Haag carried a suitcase and a paper bag containing \$55,000 in cash, Morrissey said, going from Chicago to Denver, to Nogales, Mexico and Tucson.

"But he said he was unable to say what name he used on the flight, where he stayed in Denver, or when, how and under what name he traveled to Mexico," Morrissey testified.

Joseph H. Caudielle, Haag's at-

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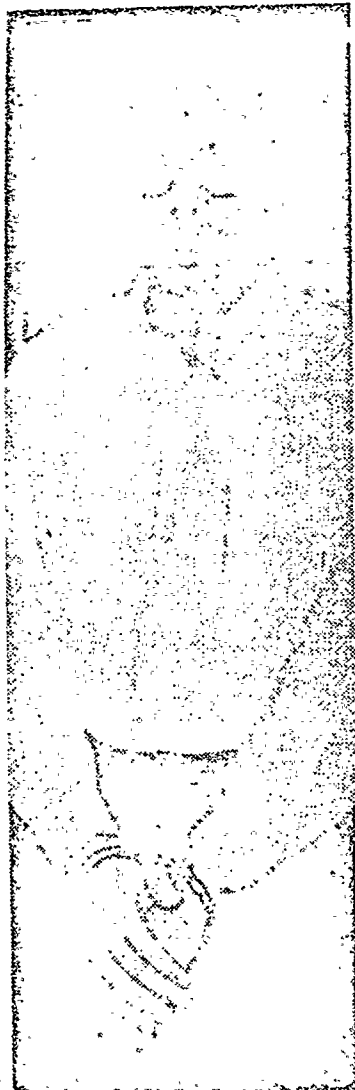
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Manolo Charles Haag . . .
 judge feels he hasn't told all.
 (Mirror Photo by Wally Akerberg)

torney, asked Judge Brown to set nominal bail, but Galda interrupted:

"This man should be held for his own protection until we find the guns,"

Gaudiello offered as a bond Haag's \$75,000 home at Upper Saddle River, N. J., where his wife, Rose, lives, but Galda protested that it wasn't certain Haag lives there.

IN THE INVESTIGATION of the murder, Prosecutor Guy W. Calissi and his aides questioned Peter Libutti, uncle of car dealer Ralph Libutti, for 13 hours, then released him. Ralph Libutti is a close friend of Haag's and lent him a white Cadillac to drive to, New York last Friday.

Haag's story, as Galda told it, was that he was in Eisler's office only about 20 minutes. He looked at the jewelry, he was quoted as saying, but changed his mind about buying it. The jewelry has not been recovered.

Funeral services were held yesterday for Eisler in the Schwartz Funeral Home, Queens Blvd. and 76th St., Forest Hills.

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Exec Flies Back for Qui

By MAGGIE BARTEL and HARRY SCHI

Businessman Charles Haag, 45, one of two victims in a flew back from Arizona to New Jersey last night with a detect in the \$157,000 robbery-murder of elderly Queens jeweler Anton

He landed at International Air- at 10:13 P.M., to be met by Port Assistant Prosecutor Fred Galda of Bergen County, and de- tives from the prosecutor's office and the W. 47th St. station.

"Not a Suspect"

Haag was immediately taken by a to the prosecutor's office in Hackensack, where Prosecutor Gal Calisi was waiting to ques- tion him. Galda emphasized that the former Nedick's chain vice president was "not a suspect."

Galda revealed that his inves- tigators had found three small- at Haag's luxuri- Saddle River estate— he frequently engaged in get practice—but refused to what calibre they were pend- ballistics tests at the state poe lab in Trenton.

An autopsy completed yester-

day showed that Eisler—whose body was found in a lonely Alpine culvert on Sunday—had been shot three times with a .22 revolver. Two slugs pierced the heart, while the other struck the gem dealer in the back of the neck.

The prosecutor said it had been established that Haag and Eisler were together at mid-day Friday. At that time, the jeweler was in possession of the gems on con- signment from two other mer- chants in the hopes of "making a tremendous deal."

Galda said that Haag had seen his former wife, Barbara, who is in her mid-20s, on Friday after- noon, and that she drove him out to International Airport in Queens to catch a plane.

Earlier, it was "brought out

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Galda said Haag had driven a white Cadillac Friday which he borrowed from Ralph Libutti, a Palisades Park auto dealer.

Libutti was interviewed at the prosecutor's office yesterday but refused to make any statement to newsmen.

Find Out About Check

Running a check on Haag's business background, Galda said, investigators learned that Libutti had made a complaint against him in Upper Saddle River Township last year involving a \$32,500 bad check, but later withdrew the charge, saying Haag had made good on the payment.

Last year, Haag went for \$25,000 and another New Jersey executive for \$75,000 in an involved scheme to obtain gold in Mexico and have it refined in Europe. The con man was later caught and sent away for 10 to 15 years.

that he told his present wife—whom he divorced to marry Barbara, and then rewed after shedding the latter—that he was going on a business trip to Arizona and then Vancouver.

Galda said Haag pays the \$330 monthly rent on Barbara's apartment in Fort Lee, and also underwrites a "substantial amount" of her other living expenses.

In another angle on the case,

The Gem Murder And the Millionaire

By PAUL HOFFMAN

Charles Haag, the not-too-talkative material witness in the murder of jeweler Anthony Eisler, rose from pork packing in Secaucus, N. J., to become a millionaire wheeler-dealer whose ventures span three continents.

Among the projects in which Haag, whose hair is just turning to gray at 45, is currently involved are:

• An \$35,000 commission through the sale of timber lands for the government of Ecuador.

• A half-interest in a silver mine in Nogales, Mexico, with a Tucson business man named Al Gianpoli. His half-share, \$65,000.

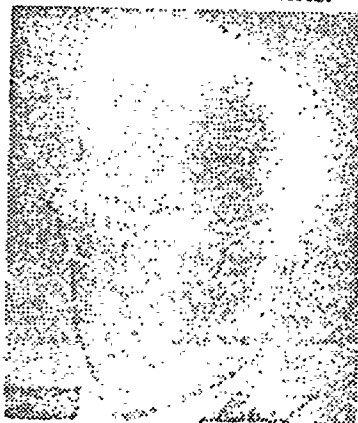
• A real-estate venture in Alpine, N. J., with a Palisades Park auto dealer named Ralph Libutti.

The Alpine property is not far from the woods where the body of Eisler, 63, of 104-20 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Queens, was found Sunday, two bullets in his heart, one in the neck. Some \$157,000 worth of gems Eisler was believed carrying were

Haag was one of the last persons to see Eisler alive.

Meeting on 47th St.

He met with the Czech immigrant in Eisler's shop at 10 W. 47th St. Friday afternoon, supposedly to purchase the jewels. No deal was completed. Both men left midtown Manhattan that afternoon—Eisler to his death, Haag on a circuitous route which police are still trying to check. It involved a visit to his former wife in Port Lee, N. J.; the loan of an auto from Libutti; and a week-long flight to Chicago, Denver, Tucson and Nogales to close another phase of the silver mine deal.



CHARLES HAAG
He wheels and deals.

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Haag claims he traveled under assumed names he can't remember now. Nor can he recall the flights he took. He was picked up in Tucson Tuesday and returned voluntarily to Hackensack for questioning. He was held in \$50,000 bail as a material witness the following day.

Bergen County Prosecutor Calissi stressed that Haag himself was not a suspect in the crime, but accused the millionaire wheeler-dealer of withholding vital information about the murder. The information dealt primarily with guns.

During overnight questioning Tuesday, Haag told police he had bought two .22 caliber pistols (the same size as the under an assumed name on an slugs found in Eisler's body) earlier trip to Tucson. He said he gave the guns away a week before the murder, but refused to say to whom.

Yesterday he announced that he would produce the guns.

Other guns were found in Haag's \$75,000 home in Upper Saddle River, N. J., and at the plush Fort Lee apartment he maintains for his second wife, Barbara, and their child.

Haag divorced his first wife, Rose, to marry his secretary, whom he later divorced to remarry Rose. They and the four children by the first marriage live in Upper Saddle River.

'Midas Touch'

Two years ago Haag bought a \$12,000 bracelet for Barbara from Eisler.

According to Haag's attorney, Joseph Gaudielle, such purchases were a drop in the bucket for a man with "the Midas touch—everything he touches turns to gold."

The first thing Haag turned to profit was his family's pack-

ing plant. By 1956 he had done so well that he was able to buy a 20 per cent interest in the firm's largest customer—Nedick's, the hot dog and orange juice chain.

In February, 1962, he unloaded his holdings of 116,625 shares (out of 551,400 outstanding) in a private transaction. Their market price at that time was \$1,457,812.50.

The Switch Game

He stayed on as Nedick's vice president, but bigger deals were already in the works. The most bizarre of these involved Frederick Schermond, a Jersey City insurance broker, and a man they knew as Lawrence Whittaker.

Whittaker came to them with impressive connections from a Boston bank and a plan to turn a quick profit in Mexican gold. Haag and Schermond put up \$100,000 and went to Switzerland to take their profits. They soon discovered that they had been taken—for \$100,000 in a "gypsy switch" of the safe deposit box key.

At first, Haag told a co-
losing their key, but consulting with their attorney admitted the truth. With help, "Whittaker"—his name, Marion Don—was arrested, convicted of larceny and sentenced to 15 years in prison. The money was not recovered.

Defendant

Haag himself wound up in Upper Saddle River Magistrate Court as a defendant in November when Libutti charged him with writing \$32,000 in rubber checks. Libutti withdrew the complaint two weeks later, saying the money was no longer owed.

If it seemed odd that a millionaire should be charged with writing bad checks, it was even odder that millionaire was Haag. For he has a reputation of carrying his office in his hat and his bank in his pocket. His deals are in cash, and he reportedly keeps a fat wad of \$50s and \$100s with him.

Yet it took a professional bondsman to post Haag's \$50,000 bail—allowing the millionaire to go off to New York yesterday on another deal.

Meanwhile, Eisler's murder remains a mystery.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland *met jef*

FROM : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 8-22-75

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST
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Attached is a copy of the FOIA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIA Section within (3) working days.

 ions on this matter should be discussed with , Room 5438 JEH, extension 5545.

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RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

☒ 1. That the Special Investigative Division(s) review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposed for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted. *HG*

() 2. That the Intelligence Division:
() a. Review the classification of serial(s) to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials 172-136-18
() b. Review the balance of the file to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.

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The excised documents were reviewed and appear to have sufficient deletions where necessary.

Agent time expended, 45 minutes.

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June 13, 1975

Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Ralph R. LiButti d/b/a Robert Presti
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Fort Lee, New Jersey
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Millneck, L.I., New York

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We would be most appreciating if you would advise us of the procedure which I and/or my client must follow in order to actually obtain the data and records; i.e., whether the FBI

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2. FBI, Main Office, Washington, D.C.
3. FBI Field Office, Long Island, New York.

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Sincerely,

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Washington, D. C. 20036

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Dear [Redacted]

In connection with your letter dated July 8, 1975, concerning the Freedom of Information Act request on behalf of Ralph R. LiButti, the processing of your request has been completed.

Enclosed is one copy each of eleven documents pertaining to Mr. LiButti. These documents and other material concerning Mr. LiButti have been edited pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(2), (b)(5), (b)(7)(C) and (D).

These exemptions allow withholding information related solely to the internal practices of an agency; documents within the category of intra-Bureau memoranda which are not available through discovery proceedings during litigation; information the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; or would reveal the identity of and information furnished by persons pursuant to an assurance of confidentiality.

There is also a record in our files of a laboratory examination of handwriting samples performed at the request of the Millburn Township Police Department, Millburn, New Jersey, in 1969, concerning Mr. LiButti. I would suggest that the Millburn Township Police Department be contacted regarding this examination since the results were furnished to them.

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Among the above-mentioned eleven documents is information that was retained in our Newark and New York Field Offices. We do not have field offices in Long Island or "any place adjacent to Mr. LiButti's domicile" other than the two offices already mentioned.

Please remit to us a check for \$3.40, made payable to Federal Bureau of Investigation. This charge is based on the authorized rate of ten cents per page for reproduction as specified in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9.

It should be noted that the quality of the enclosed reproductions varies throughout. This is due to file age and condition and reproductive characteristics of the individual documents. Please be assured that we have provided you with the most legible copies we are able to mechanically reproduce. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact our Freedom of Information Act Unit.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Following the Attorney General's decision, judicial review is available in the district of your residence or principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where the records are situated.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: LiButti is the subject of Bufile 172-136 from which most of the furnished material was obtained. He is also mentioned in Bufiles 32-15358 Serial 3506, 92-570/Serial 20 and 95-152809. No material was furnished from these files, the material from the first two being intra-Bureau memoranda and the material from the 95 case being discussed in this letter. Information was also obtained from the Newark and New York Field Offices, which is being sent to file with this reply.

Disclosure coordinated with the Special Investigative Division by memorandum McDermott to Cleveland 8/22/75 and addendum 8/27/75.

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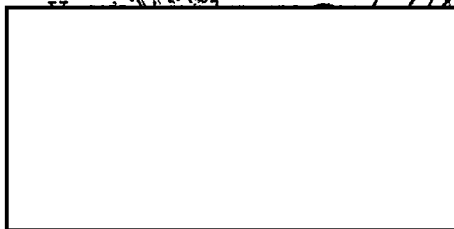
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WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of July, 1975.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day of

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Notary Public

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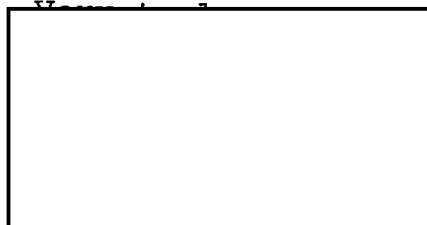
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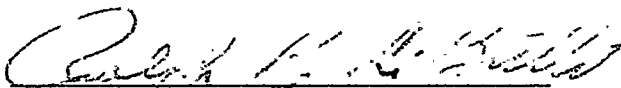
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Date: 9/3/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: ROBERT PRESTI;

On 8/20/71, the NYO opened an investigation regarding the ownership of the thoroughbred race horse "Jim French". Information was received from TRPB, Lake Success, NY, that they have been investigating, for the past several months, the fraudulent ownership of a thoroughbred known as "Jim French".

The basic facts of the case were that _____ was listed as the owner but an investigation by the TRPB revealed that one ROBERT PRESTI was the true owner of this horse. During the past year, several other individuals were sold interests in this horse by PRESTI but their identities were never divulged to the proper authorities at the race track.

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Investigation to date has shown that ROBERT PRESTI is RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 646 179 B. LIBUTTI's arrest record reflects arrests in 1954 for Robbery and Conspiracy to Rob; in 1955 for Suspicion of Bookmaking; in 1966 for Disorderly Conduct and a wanted notice dated 1970 from the Detective Bureau, Newark, NJ, for worthless checks. LIBUTTI's present location is unknown to the NYO, however, investigation is being conducted to locate him. LIBUTTI himself is not a jockey.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

10/13/71

Office: New York, New York

Bureau File #:

Field Office File #:

Title:

ROBERT PRESTI;

Character:

Synopsis:

On 8/11/71, TRPB, advised that they have been conducting an investigation for the past several months regarding the undisclosed ownership of a thoroughbred known as "Jim French". TRPB also advised that in connection with this investigation they have received information regarding a possible fixed race involving the undisclosed owner of "Jim French", ROBERT PRESTI, and possibly

Investigation

revealed that

was listed as the owner of the thoroughbred, "Jim French", but never had more than 30% of the horse and the horse was controlled and the largest percentage in the horse was held by one ROBERT PRESTI, whose true name has been determined to be RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 646 179 B. Investigation revealed that this individual controlled numerous thoroughbreds racing in New York and other states.

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Pasadena, California Police Department, is in possession of felony warrant issued on 12/3/68, by the Pasadena Municipal Court, charging RALPH LIBUTTI with violation of 476 A and 487, California Penal Code, charging subject with issuing checks without sufficient funds and grand theft. Local bail in the amount of \$2,500. District Attorney, Los Angeles County, furnished written request for unlawful flight assistance on 10/8/71.

authorized filing of complaint and recommended bond of \$5,000. On 10/8/71, complaint filed by before US Magistrate charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 1073. Warrant issued. NY conducting investigation to apprehend subject and continuing investigation regarding sports bribery allegation.

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This investigation was instituted upon receipt of information received on August 11, 1971, from [redacted] of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB). [redacted] advised that the TRPB was investigating the fraudulent ownership of a thoroughbred named "Jim French" for the past several months. They have determined that the listed owner was [redacted]

[redacted] but that in actuality, 70% of the horse was owned by an individual called ROBERT PRESTI.

A of the TRPB advised on April 19, 1971, that a man named ROBERT PRESTI had a financial interest in the ownership of the horse "Jim French". This horse was listed as being owned by . Another advised the TRPB that the man's name was ROBERT PRESTI, and possibly his true name was RALPH LIBUTTI, and that he had an undesirable background.

In regard to this investigation, and
the TRPB furnished the New York Office with Photostats of
the following items pertaining to this investigation:

A stable name application filled out
3/14/70 by ROBERT PRESTI with the
Jockey Club

An owner's application, New York
State Racing Commission, for the
year 1968, for NICHOLAS R. SPADEA

An application as an owner with the
Florida State Racing Commission in
1969 by ROBERT VINCENT PRESTI

On August 12, 1971, contacted the New York Office of the FBI and stated that they had received information within the past day that the true name of ROBERT PRESTI was RALPH LIBUTTI, with the following FBI Number: 646 179 B.

On September 27, 1971, , TRPB,
advised that he had received information that ROBERT
PRESTI, true name RALPH LIBUTTI, had a warrant outstanding
for him in the State of New Jersey in Essex County under
Warrant Number

also advised that he had learned from
that there was a warrant outstanding for
LIBUTTI in Pasadena, California, under Warrant Number

A check of the records of the
Newark, New Jersey, on September 20, 1971,
reflects that their file pertains to RALPH LIBUTTI,
also known as NICHOLAS SPADA, NICHOLAS R. SPADEA, and NICHOLAS
SPADES. Bench warrants and dated June 9, 1970,
are outstanding. These warrants charge subject with uttering
bad checks. The above records reflect LIBUTTI's date of
birth as July 4, 1928 and February 20, 1932.

stated that this case was turned over to
the who presented it to the County Grand
Jury. As a result, subject was indicted and a bench warrant
issued about June, 1970.

stated that his investigation
indicated the subject has resided at the following addresses
in the past:

271 Eldsmere Place
Fort Lee, New Jersey

6909 Durham Avenue
North Bergen, New Jersey

869B Dorchester Lane
New Milford, New Jersey

13 Magnolia Avenue
Hillside, New Jersey

LIBUTTI was described as a white male, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, black hair, date of birth February 20, 1930, FBI Number 646179B.

The District Attorney of Los Angeles County has furnished written request for Unlawful Flight assistance.

On October 8, 1971, Assistant United States Attorney , United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles, California, authorized the filing of the complaint and recommended bond in the amount of \$5,000.00.

On October 8, 1971, the complaint was filed by Special Agent (SA) , FBI, Los Angeles, California, before United States Magistrate , Los Angeles, charging RALPH LIBUTTI with violation of Title 18, Section 1073. A warrant was issued on October 8, 1971.

The following is a description of RALPH
LIBUTTI as obtained from investigation and observation:

Name	RALPH LIBUTTI
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170
Hair	Black, thinning in front
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
FBI Number	646179B
Dates of birth	February 20, 1930; July 4, 1928; February 20, 1932; February 6, 1932

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date: 10/21/71

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

Bureau File #:

Title:

ROBERT PRESTI;

Character:

Synopsis:

RALPH R. LIBUTTI, date of birth 2/20/32, FBI Number 646 179 B, arrested on 10/15/71 by Bureau Agents of the NYO when he voluntarily appeared with his attorney at the NYO. Subject arrested for violation of Title 18, Section 1073, USC. Subject appeared before USC, SDNY, and was released in \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

DETAILS

On October 14, 1971, New York City, New York, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the FBI and advised that he understood that Bureau Agents were looking for his client, RALPH R. LIBUTTI, and had a warrant for his arrest. stated that he would voluntarily surrender his client to the Bureau on the morning of October 15, 1971.

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RALPH R. LIBUTTI was arrested by SAS at which time he was advised of his rights in the presence of his attorney, New York City, New York. LIBUTTI was advised that he was being arrested for violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code, and at the outset of this contact, he was furnished with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which LIBUTTI read and indicated that he thoroughly understood his rights; however, he refused to make any statements at this time which he said were at the instructions of his counsel.

The following description of RALPH R. LIBUTTI was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	RALPH R. LIBUTTI
Alias	ROBERT PRESTI
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	2/20/32
Residence	Union City, New Jersey 1 Ripley Lane Muttontown, Long Island, New York
Height	5'9"
Weight	185
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Employment	Horse broker
Social Security Number	145-24-4417
Wife	JOAN
Children	Two Son-JOSEPH <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 2px 0;"></div>
Parents	JOSEPH and EDITH LIBUTTI 271 Elsmere Place Fort Lee, New Jersey

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On October 15, 1971, RALPH R. LIDUTTI was arraigned
before United States Magistrate Southern
District of New York and was released on \$5,000 personal re-
cognizance bond.

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SUBJECT VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED THIS DATE, NEW YORK OFFICE,

AND WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST BY BUREAU AGENTS.

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution

UFAP WARRANT, LOS ANGELES, ISSUED ON TEN EIGHT LAST,

CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE

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COURT, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CHARGING THE SUBJECT WITH
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CHANGED;

ROBERT PRESTI AKA RALPH LIBUTTI

(TN), NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA, ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA, ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA, VINCENT J. PRESTI, ROBERT VINCENT PRESTI, HARRY LA ROSA, RALPH ROBERT LIBUTTI, ROBERT RALPH LIBUTTI, RALPH PETER LIBUTTI, BOB ROBERTS, JOSEPH LIBUTTI, ROBERT LITOURI, RALPH LA ROSA-FUGITIVE;

TITLE OF THIS CASE MARKED "CHANGED" TO INCLUDE ALIASES OF ROBERT PRESTI AND TRUE NAME OF RALPH LIBUTTI.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA PD, IN POSSESSION OF FELONY WARRANT ISSUED ON TWELVE THREE SIXTY-EIGHT BY THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL COURT, CHARGING RALPH LIBUTTI WITH

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VIOLATION OF FOUR SEVEN SIX A AND FOUR EIGHT SEVEN, CALIFORNIA
PENAL CODE, CHARGING SUBJECT WITH ISSUING CHECKS WITHOUT
SUFFICIENT FUNDS AND GRAND THEFT. LOCAL BAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF
TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, FURNISHED WRITTEN REQUEST FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT WARRANT
ON TEN EIGHT LAST. AUSA AUTHORIZED FILING OF
COMPLAINT AND RECOMMENDED BOND OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. ON
TEN EIGHT LAST COMPLAINT FILED BY SA FBI
LOS ANGELES, BEFORE US MAGISTRATE
CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE
ZERO SEVEN THREE. WARRANT ISSUED. NY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
TO APPREHEND SUBJECT.

Exoc Flies Back for Qui

By MAGGIE BARTEL and HARRY SCHI

Businessman Charles Haag, 45, one of two victims in a flew back from Arizona to New Jersey last night with a detecti in the \$157,000 robbery-murder of elderly Queens jeweler Anton

He landed at International Air- port at 10:13 P.M., to be met by First Assistant Prosecutor Fred Galda of Bergen County, and de- tives from the prosecutor's office and the W. 47th St. station.

"Not a Suspect"

Haag was immediately taken by a to to the prosecutor's office in a sack, where Prosecutor Galda was waiting to ques- tion him. Galda emphasized that the former Ne-liek's chain vice president was "not a suspect."

Galda revealed that his inves- tigators had found three small- calibers at Haag's luxuri- ous Upper Saddle River estate— where he frequently engaged in target practice—but refused to say what calibre they were pend- ing ballistics tests at the state police lab in Trenton.

An autopsy completed yester-

day showed that Eisler—whose body was found in a lonely Alpine culvert on Sunday—had been shot three times with a .22 revolver.

Two slugs pierced the heart, while the other struck the gem dealer in the back of the neck.

The prosecutor said it had been established that Haag and Eisler were together at mid-day Friday. At that time, the jeweler was in possession of the gems on con- signment from two other mer- chants in the hopes of "making a tremendous deal."

Galda said that Haag had seen his former wife, Barbara, who is in her mid-20s, on Friday after- noon, and that she drove him out to International Airport in Queens to catch a plane.

Earlier, "It was brought out

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that he told his present wife—whom he divorced to marry Barbara, and then rewed after shedding the latter—that he was going on a business trip to Arizona and then Vancouver.

Galda said Haag pays the \$330 monthly rent on Barbara's apartment in Fort Lee, and also underwrites a "substantial amount" of her other living expenses.

In another angle on the case,

Galda said Haag had driven a white Cadillac Friday which he borrowed from Ralph Libutti, a Palisades Park auto dealer.

Libutti was interviewed at the prosecutor's office yesterday but refused to make any statement to newsmen.

Find Out About Check

Running a check on Haag's business background, Galda said, investigators learned that Libutti had made a complaint against him in Upper Saddle River Township last year involving a \$32,500 bad check, but later withdrew the charge, saying Haag had made good on the payment.

Last year, Haag went for \$25,000 and another New Jersey executive for \$75,000 in an involved scheme to obtain gold in Mexico and have it refined in Europe. The con man was later caught and sent away for 19 to 15 years.

The Gem Murder And the Millionaire

By PAUL HOFMAN

Charles Haag, the not-too-talkative material witness in the murder of jeweler Anthony Eisler, rose from pork packing in Secaucus, N. J., to become a millionaire wheeler-dealer whose ventures span three continents.

Among the projects in which Haag, whose sand hair is just turning to gray at 45, is currently involved are:

• An \$35,000 commission through the sale of timber lands for the government of Ecuador.

• A half-interest in a silver mine in Nogales, Mexico, with a Tucson business man named Al Gampoli. His half-share, \$65,000.

• A real-estate venture in Alpine, N. J., with a Palisades Park auto dealer named Ralph Liberti.

The Alpine property is not far from the woods where the body of Eisler, 63, of 104-20 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Queens, was found Sunday, two bullets in his heart, one in the neck. Some \$137,000 worth of gems Eisler was believed carrying were

Haag was one of the last persons to see Eisler alive.

Meeting on 17th St.

He met with the Czech immigrant in Eisler's shop at 10 W. 47th St. Friday afternoon, supposedly to purchase the jewels. No deal was completed. Both men left midtown Manhattan that afternoon - Eisler to his death, Haag on a circuitous route which police are still trying to check. It involved a visit to his former wife in Fort Lee, N. J.; the loan of an airplane from Liberti; and a week-end flight to Chicago, Denver, Tucson and Nogales to close another phase of the silver mine deal.



CHARLES HAAG
He wheels and deals.

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Haag claims he traveled under assumed names he can't remember now. Nor can he recall the flights he took. He was picked up in Tucson Tuesday and returned voluntarily to Hackensack for questioning. He was held in \$50,000 bail as a material witness the following day.

Bergen County Prosecutor Calissi stressed that Haag himself was not a suspect in the crime, but accused the millionaire wheeler-dealer of withholding vital information about the murder. The information dealt primarily with guns.

During overnight questioning Tuesday, Haag told police he had bought two .22 caliber pistols (the same size as the under an assumed name on an slugs found in Eisler's body) earlier trip to Tucson. He said he gave the guns away a week before the murder, but refused to say to whom.

Yesterday he announced that he would produce the guns.

Other guns were found in Haag's \$75,000 home in Upper Saddle River, N. J., and at the plush Fort Lee apartment he maintains for his second wife, Barbara, and their child.

Haag divorced his first wife, Rose, to marry his secretary, whom he later divorced to remarry Rose. They and the four children by the first marriage live in Upper Saddle River.

'Midas Touch'

Two years ago Haag bought a \$12,000 bracelet for Barbara from Eisler.

According to Haag's attorney, Joseph Gaudiello, such purchases were a drop in the bucket for a man with "the Midas touch—everything he touches turns to gold."

The first thing Haag turned to profit was his family's pack-

ing plant. By 1956 he had done so well that he was able to buy a 20 per cent interest in the firm's largest customer—Nedick's, the hot dog and orange juice chain.

In February, 1962, he unloaded his holdings of 116,625 shares (out of 351,400 outstanding) in a private transaction. Their market price at that time was \$14.57, \$12.50.

The Switch Game

He stayed on as Nedick's vice president, but bigger deals were already in the works. The most bizarre of these involved Frederick Schermond, a Jersey City insurance broker, and a man they knew as Lawrence Whittaker.

Whittaker came to them with impressive connections from a Boston bank and a plan to turn a quick profit in Mexican gold. Haag and Schermond put up \$100,000 and went to Switzerland to take their profits. They soon discovered that they had been taken—for \$100,000 in a "gypsy switch" of the safe deposit box key.

At first, Haag, a... told a... losing their key, but... sulting with their... admitted the truth... help. "Whittaker"... name. Marion... was arrested, convicted... larceny and sentenced... 15 years in prison. The... was not recovered.

Defendant

Haag himself wound... Upper Saddle River Magistrate... Court as a defendant in November when Libutti charged with writing \$32,000 in rubber checks. Libutti withdrew complaint two weeks later, saying the money was not owed.

If it seemed odd that a millionaire should be charged with writing bad checks, it was odder that millionaire was Haag. For he has a reputation of carrying his office in his hat and his bank in his pocket. His deals are in cash, and he reportedly keeps a fat wad of \$30s and \$100s with him.

Yet it took a professional bondsman to post Haag's \$50,000 bail—allowing the millionaire to go off to New York yesterday on another deal.

Meanwhile, Eisler's murder remains a mystery.

MATERIAL WITNESS IN JEWELER'S MURDER

Haag Out in 50G

By CLAIKE CURRAN and GERALD DUNCAN

A "reluctant and hesitant" Charles Haag, 45, man of many aliases with a Midway touch in financial dealings, was released in \$50,000 bail yesterday as a material witness in the murder of Jeweler Anthony Elser, 63.

"I feel Mr. Haag knows more than he has told," Judge Gordon P. Brown said at Hackensack, N. J., after Haag, during a 31-minute hearing, was pictured as a nervous man who traveled under many names and made admissions only when confronted with evidence.

Haag waited for hours in jail before a bondsman came with his \$50,000 money shortly before 9 p.m.

Haag was one of the last persons to see Elser in his office at 10 W. 17th St. last Friday before his disappearance while carrying \$50,000 in jewelry. Elser was found dead Sunday off a road at Alpine, N. J., with two 22 bullets through his heart and one in the neck.

HAAG, ACCORDING to the testimony of Bergen County Lt. Raymond Morrissey, acknowledged that he bought two 22 pistols in Tucson, Ariz., last July 5 but Morrissey said Haag told him he gave them away, flatly refusing to say to whom.

Meanwhile, at the scene in Alpine, detectives made an inch-by-inch search of the undergrowth and found two empty 22 shells and two latchkeys. They continued the hunt for the murder weapon with a mine-detector borrowed from West Point.

Discovery of the shells indicated that Elser, who lived at 101-20 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, Queens, might have been shot at the spot.

"We are prepared to prove that the gun was fired in Bergen County," Assistant Prosecutor Fred C. Galda told Judge Brown.

MORRISSEY, RELATING the results of Haag's questioning until 4 a.m. yesterday after he returned voluntarily from Tucson, pictured Haag as a person of peculiar behavior.

As told by Morrissey, Haag canceled a 1:30 p.m. flight to Tucson last Friday, then took a 6 p.m. plane from Idlewild Airport to Chicago under an assumed name.

Haag carried a suitcase and a paper bag containing \$55,000 in cash, Morrissey said, going from Chicago to Denver, to Nogales, Mexico and Tucson.

"But he said he was unable to say what name he used on the flight, where he stayed in Denver, or when, how and under what name he traveled to Mexico," Morrissey testified.

Joseph H. Caudelle, Haag's at-

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Manfredo Charles Haag . . .
judge feels he hasn't told all.
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torney, asked Judge Brown to set nominal bail, but Galda interrupted:

"This man should be held for his own protection until we find the guns."

Gaudiello offered as a bond Haag's \$75,000 home at Upper Saddle River, N. J., where his wife, Rose, lives, but Galda protested that it wasn't certain Haag lives there.

IN THE INVESTIGATION of the murder, Prosecutor Guy W. Calissi and his aides questioned Peter Libutti, uncle of car dealer Ralph Libutti, for 13 hours, then released him. Ralph Libutti is a close friend of Haag's and lent him a white Cadillac to drive to New York last Friday.

Haag's story, as Galda told it, was that he was in Eisler's office only about 20 minutes. He looked at the jewelry, he was quoted as saying, but changed his mind about buying it. The jewelry has not been recovered.

Funeral services were held yesterday for Eisler in the Schwartz Funeral Home, Queens Blvd. and 76th St., Forest Hills.

TRACK SCANDAL:

Three leading horsemen suspended in N.Y.

By EDWARD J. SYLVESTER biggest names got 30-day suspensions from the New York State Racing Commission yesterday for fronting for a former New Jersey man said to have organized

crime connections.

The commission said Jim French, a crowd favorite in

the Kentucky Derby, Belmont and Preakness, actually was owned by Ralph Libutti, formerly of Englewood Cliffs and an alleged associate of Thomas (Tommy Ryan) Eboli of Fort Lee, reputed underworld boss.

Suspended from racing were the horse's breeder and former owner, Ralph C. Wilson Jr., also owner of the Buffalo Bills football team; John P. Campo, Jim French's trainer, and George T. Poole, who trained several other horses in reality owned by Libutti but registered under other owners' names.

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Libutti was barred from owning race horses or appearing at race tracks by the New York commission in 1968.

A fourth man, Frank J. Caldwell of Manhasset, N.Y., faces a showcase hearing on his owner's license on Oct. 29. Caldwell is the man the commission believed was Jim French's owner when he ran in the three Triple Crown races last spring. The horse placed second in the Derby, behind Canonero II.

The commission suspended Wilson and Campo on grounds that Caldwell was a front for Libutti in purchasing the horse from Wilson and in

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training and entering him in races, and that Wilson and Campo were aware of the true owner's identity. Poole was similarly charged for training a string of other illegally owned racehorses.

Because of underworld infiltration of the racing world, state commissions

strictly regulate who may even purchase a race horse or appear at a racing event.

In addition to his association with Eboli, Libutti, now of Nassau County, N.Y., is wanted by Millburn police for allegedly passing three bad checks, totaling \$6,800 to a jewelry store there. Millburn has had an arrest warrant on Libutti since September, 1968.

The commission charged that one year ago Caldwell told the state he had purchased Jim French from Wilson, while in fact he had acted as Libutti's agent in return for a share of the horse.

Campo then entered the horse in the famed Triple Crown races, listing Caldwell as the owner although he knew Libutti actually owned the horse, the commission said.

Although the three were suspended from New York racing for only 30 days, the commission could reconsider the penalty after Caldwell's hearing two weeks from tomorrow.

Campo and Poole are considered among the leading thoroughbred trainers in the United States. In 1970, Campo's horses won 101 races and brought in \$907,237, both the top figures for the year

in New York racing, which is considered the nation's toughest circuit. He was named trainer of the year by the New York Racing Association for 1970.

Prior to the Triple Crown this year, Campo admitted administering the drug butazolidin to Jim French in his victorious Santa Anita race. Later, in New York, he denied having used the drug, legal in California but illegal in New York races.

Wilson, in addition to owning the Bills and breeding Jim French, owns West Coast Scout, recent winner of the \$100,000 Woodward Stakes at Belmont.

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Poole, whose son George 3d is an apprentice jockey, trained both Impetuosity and Twist the Axe for this year's Kentucky Derby. Both horses finished out of the money.

The transactions allegedly overseen by Caldwell listed the owners as "Buckchance Stables," which the commission says was a front for a Long Island dental assistant who acted for Libutti. Libutti is also known as Robert Presti and Nicholas Spadea and used these names in his horse dealings, the commission says.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: ROBERT PRESIT;

A check of the records
on 9/20/71, reflects that
RALPH LIBUTTI, aka Nicholas Spada,
Nicholas R. Spadea, Nicholas Spades. Bench warrants 2888
and 2890 dated 6/9/70 are outstanding. These warrants charge
subject with uttering bad checks. The above records reflect
LIBUTTI's date of birth as 7/4/28 and 2/20/32.

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advised that investigation reflected that the true name of subject is RALPH LIBUTTI. LIBUTTI uses the alias of NICHOLAS SPADEA which is the name of his uncle who formerly resided in Union City, N.J., and who was born on /14/12.

added that investigation also indicated that in 1969 subject and his wife resided at 271 Eldsmere Place, Fort Lee, N.J.

stated that investigation indicated that subject has resided at the following addresses in the past:

271 Eldsmere Place, Fort Lee, N.J.

6909 Durham Avenue, N. Bergen, N.J.

869B Dorchester Lane, New Milford, N.J.

13 Magnolia Avenue, Hillside, N.J.

.. advised that both RALPH LIBUTTI and his uncle NICHOLAS SPADEA, date of birth 7/4/12, lived at 4200 New York Avenue, Union City, up until the early 1950's. . stated that he has not seen either of them in many years. . stated that the above residence is in a neighborhood that has completely changed and . knew of no one who would know either LIBUTTI or SPADEA.

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TO: SAC, NEWARK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: ROBERT PRESTI;

New York has instituted investigation over the sale of the thoroughbred "Jim French". Information has been received from the TRPB to the effect that this horse had undisclosed ownership with the real owner and controlling interests in the horse being one ROBERT PRESTI.

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Investigation by the TRPB and the NYO to date reveals that ROBERT PRESTI is possibly and probably one NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA or ROBERT NICHOLAS SPADEA. Information developed by the TRPB also indicates that this individual may also be RALPH LIBUTTI, FBI Number 646 179 B. The individual known as PRESTI is now residing in Muttontown, Long Island, and according to witnesses is approximately 42 years of age and information developed by the TRPB is that his date of birth is 7/4/28.

Investigation has disclosed that the individual known as PRESTI also had several horses running in New York during the past year

Information has also been developed by the TRPB that when purchasing the house in Muttontown, ROBERT PRESTI used as his former address 271 Elsmere Place, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Information was also received from
that a NICHOLAS ROBERT SPADEA, 869 Dorchester
Lane, New Milford, New Jersey, had applied for an owner's
license during the summer of 1968. At the time he furnished
the following information:

Date of Birth	7/4/28
Height	5'8"
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Self-employed - Commodities and Land since 1958

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